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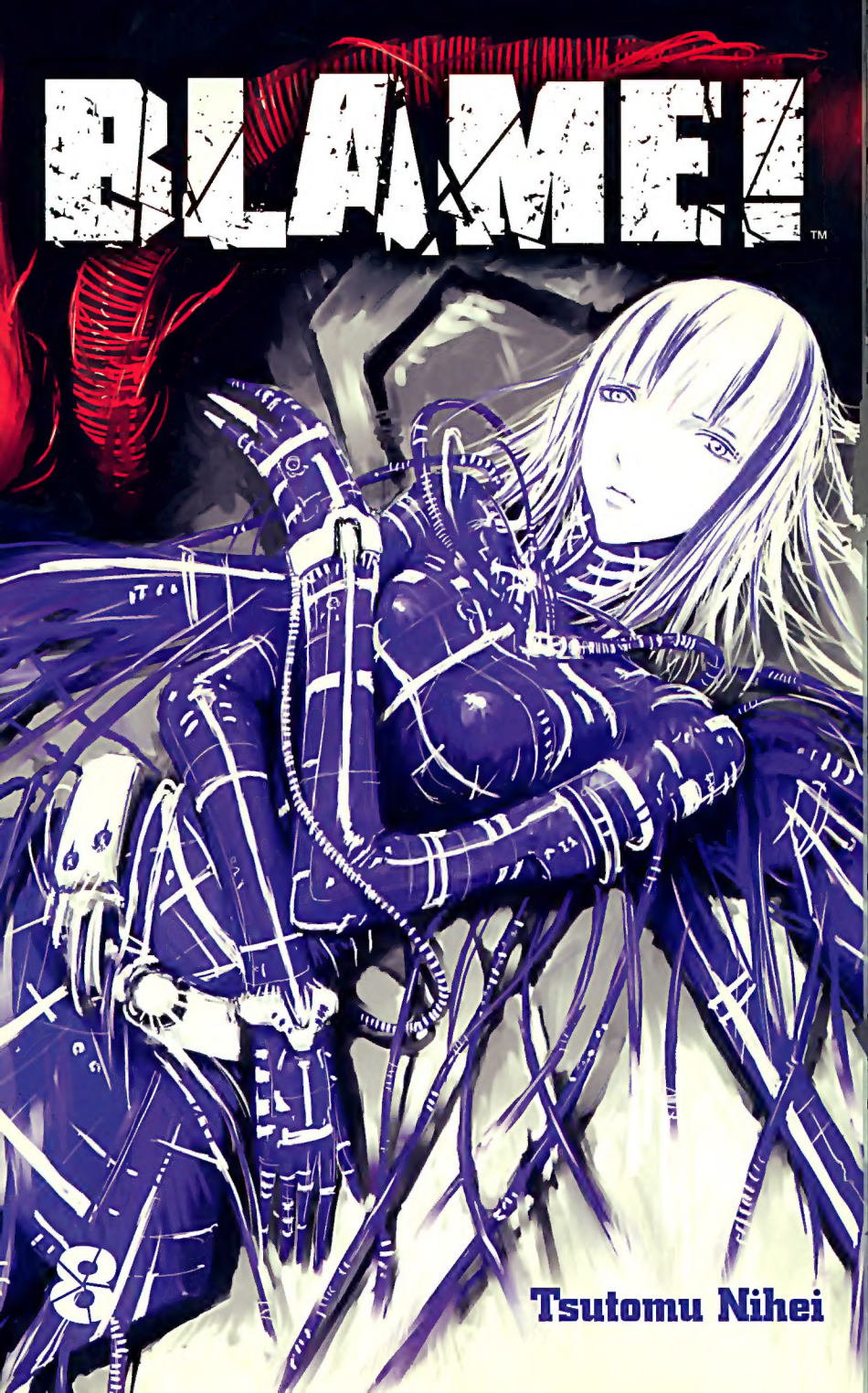

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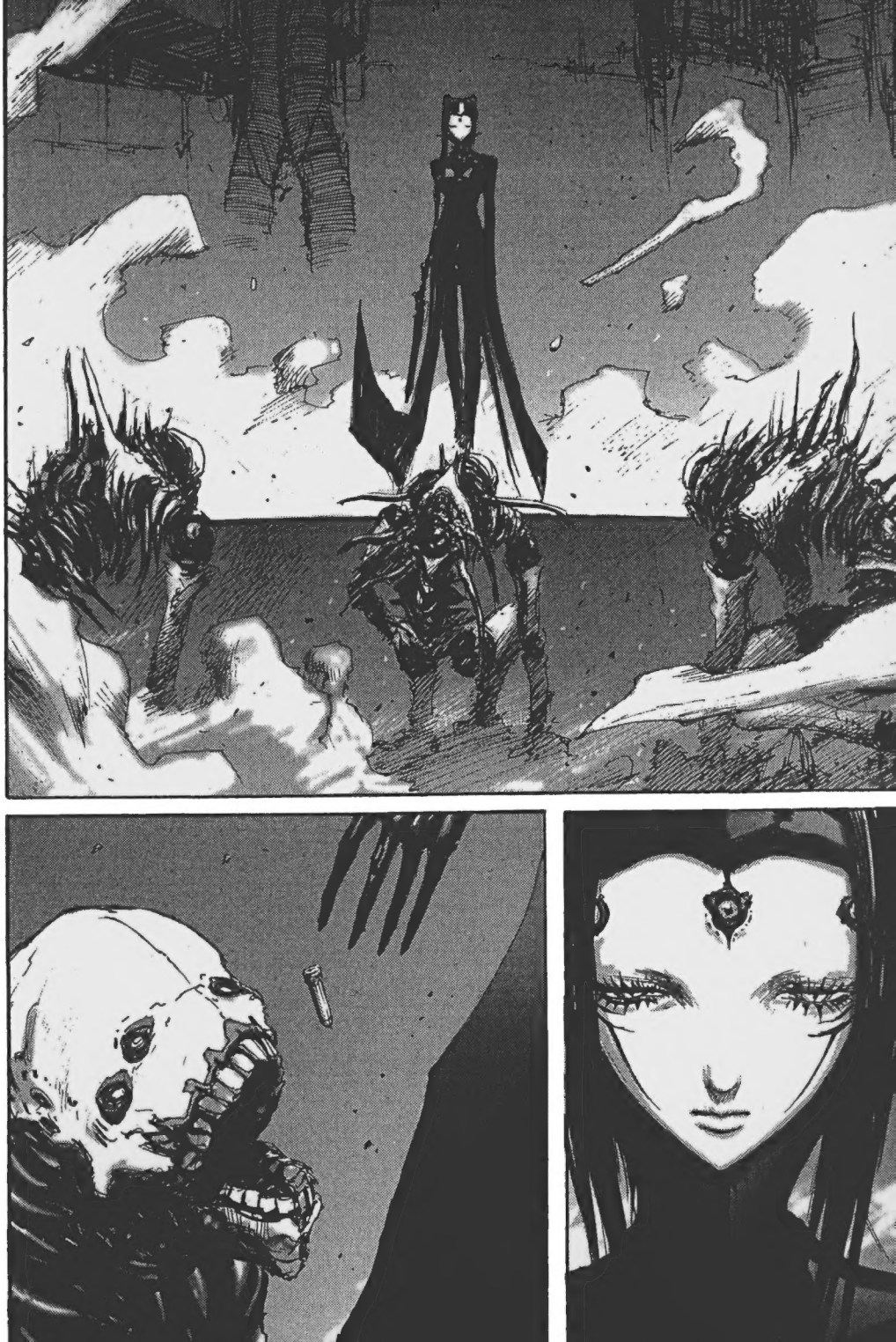
TATAK
CLUNK

SHURIRIRIRIRI
DWOOOSHHH



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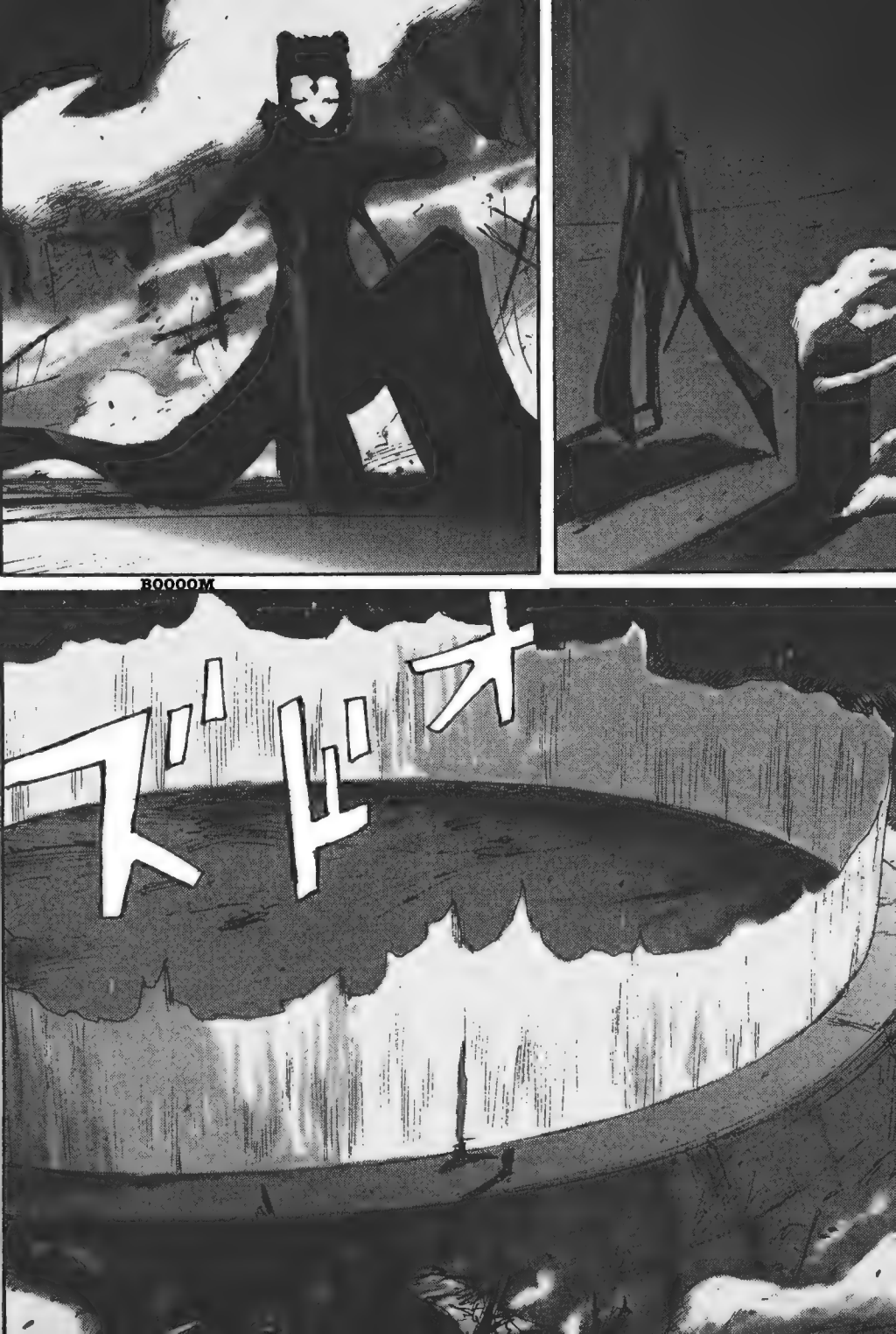
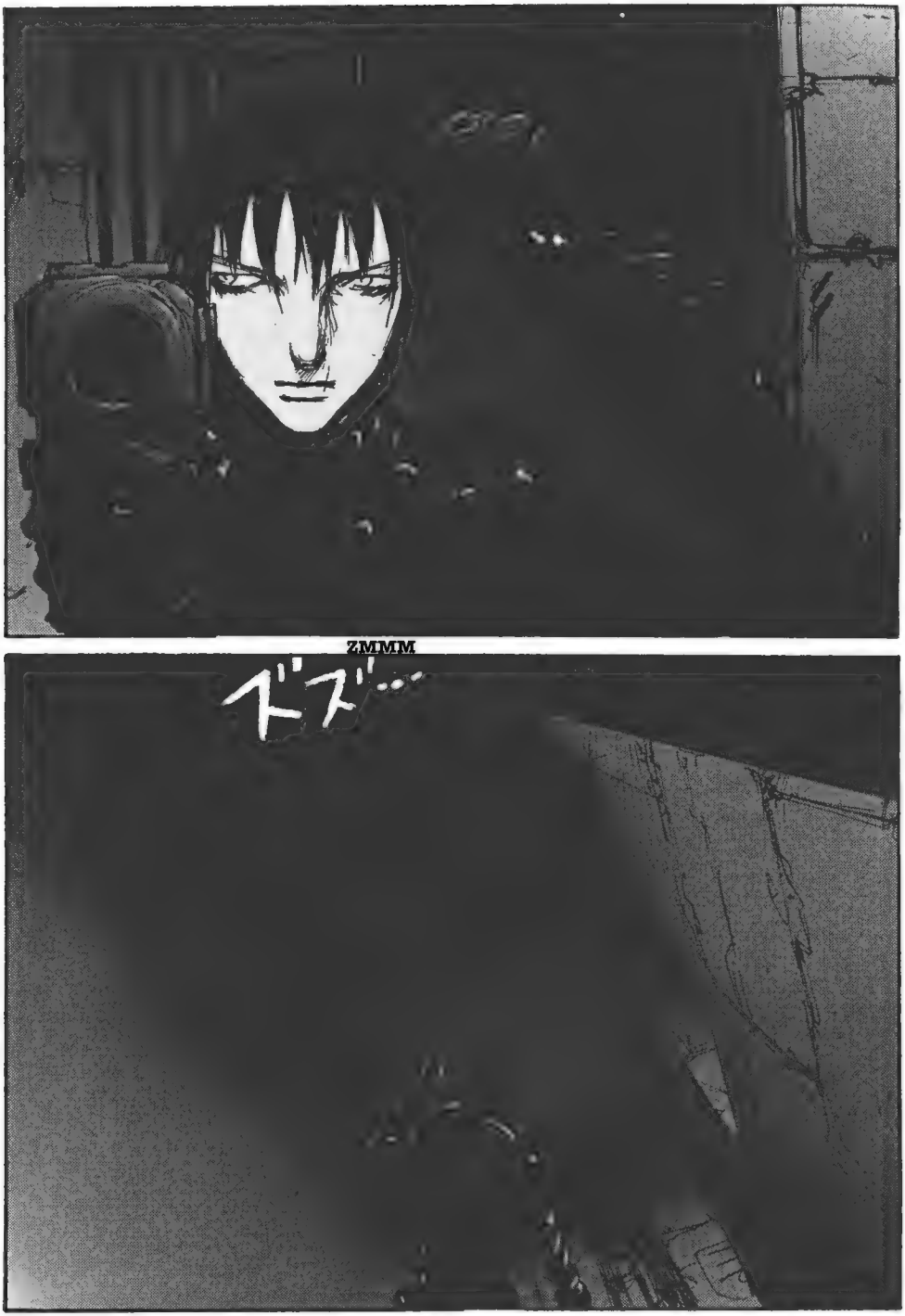
B-BANG
TIK

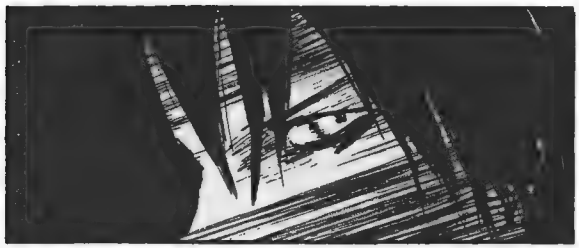

BOOOOM
ズドドォ

THE CAPSULE'S MOVING.
SHE'S SENDING IT TO DAVINEL.
DHOMO!
BBMMM
HEY... DHOMO?

WHAT...?
PCELL'S TRYING TO BREAK INTO THE SHAFT! WE GOTTA GET MOVING!
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT THE CAPSULE?

ズ…
ズ…
ZMMM


ZMMM
ズズ…



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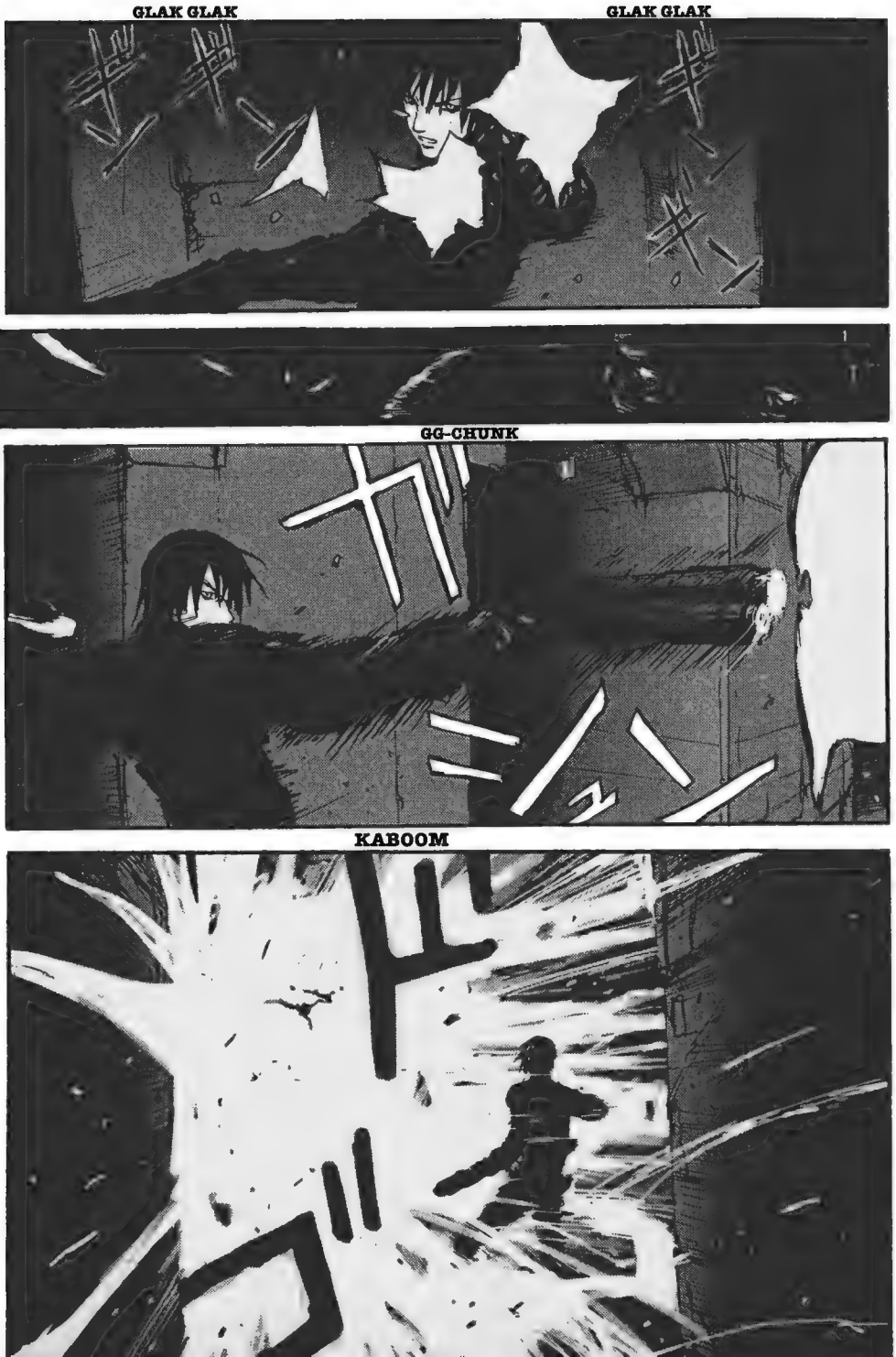
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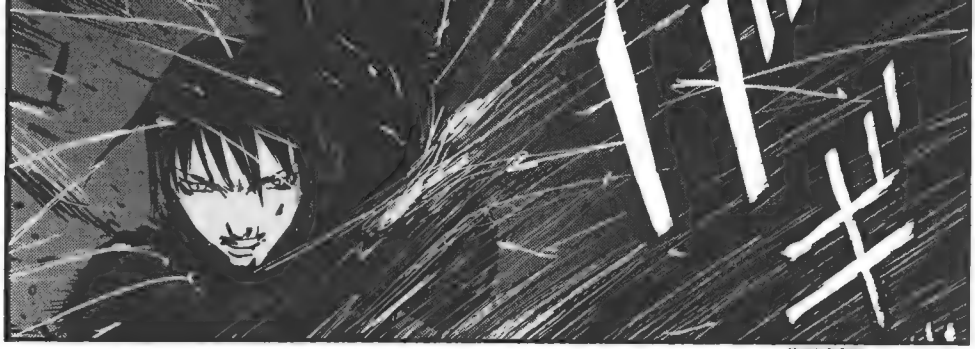
GG-CHUNK
KABOOM

TK-TINGG

GRICK!
GLANG!



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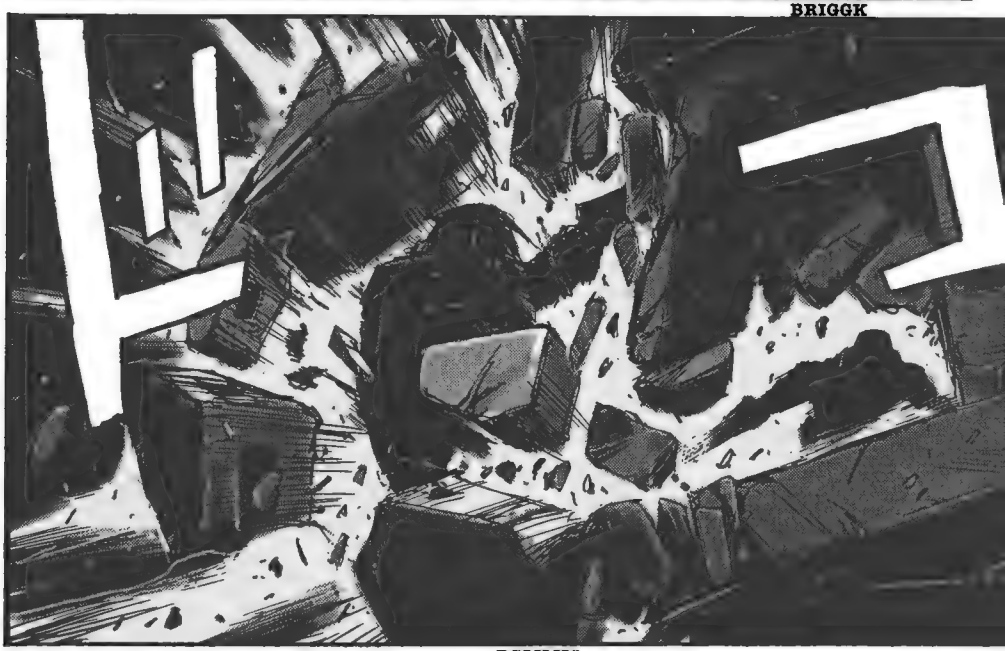


BGMMM

SPLUTCH

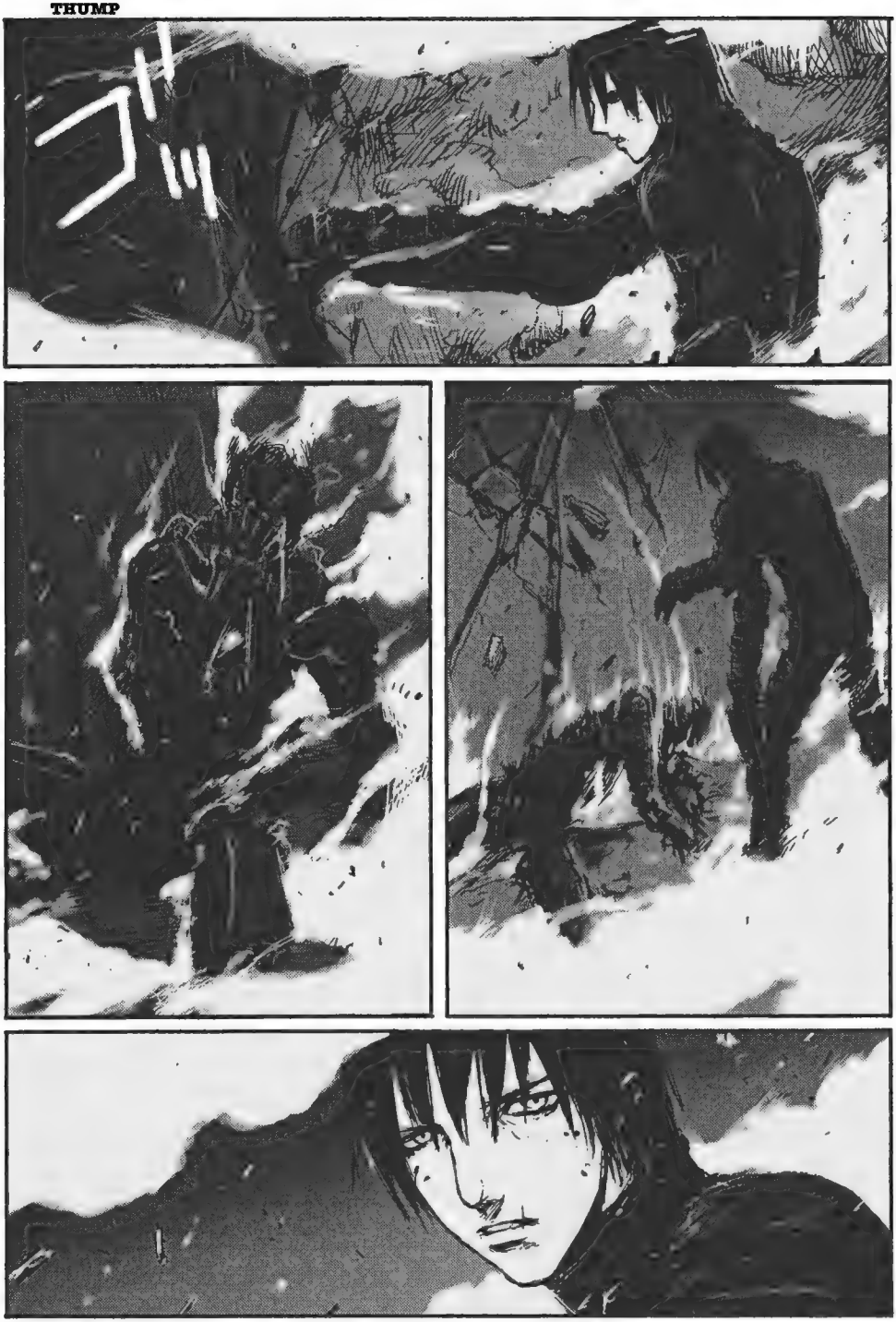
GRASP
WHOOSH
BLAM

BLAM

ZISCH

CRUNCH

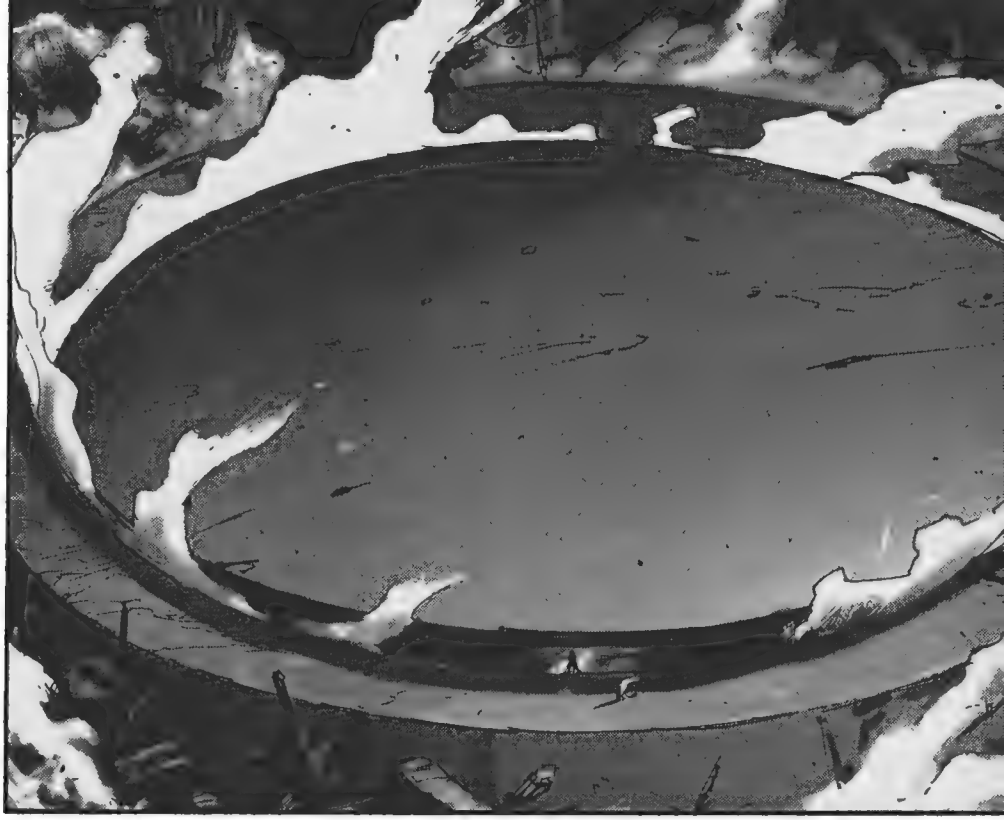
DOM-DOM-DOM-
DOM-DOM-
DOM-DOM


THUMP

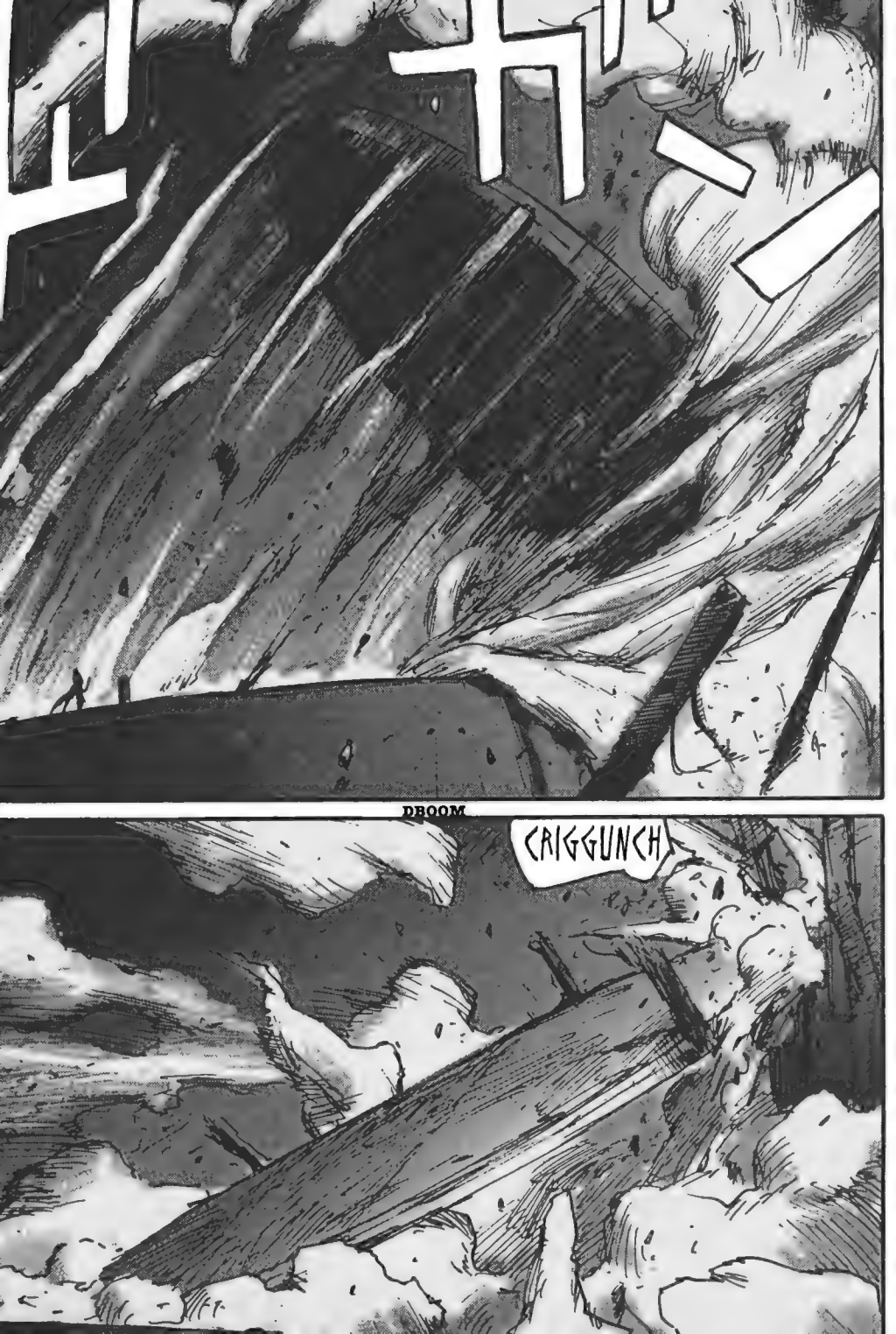
KA-BLAM

SLUMP
LOG.44@END

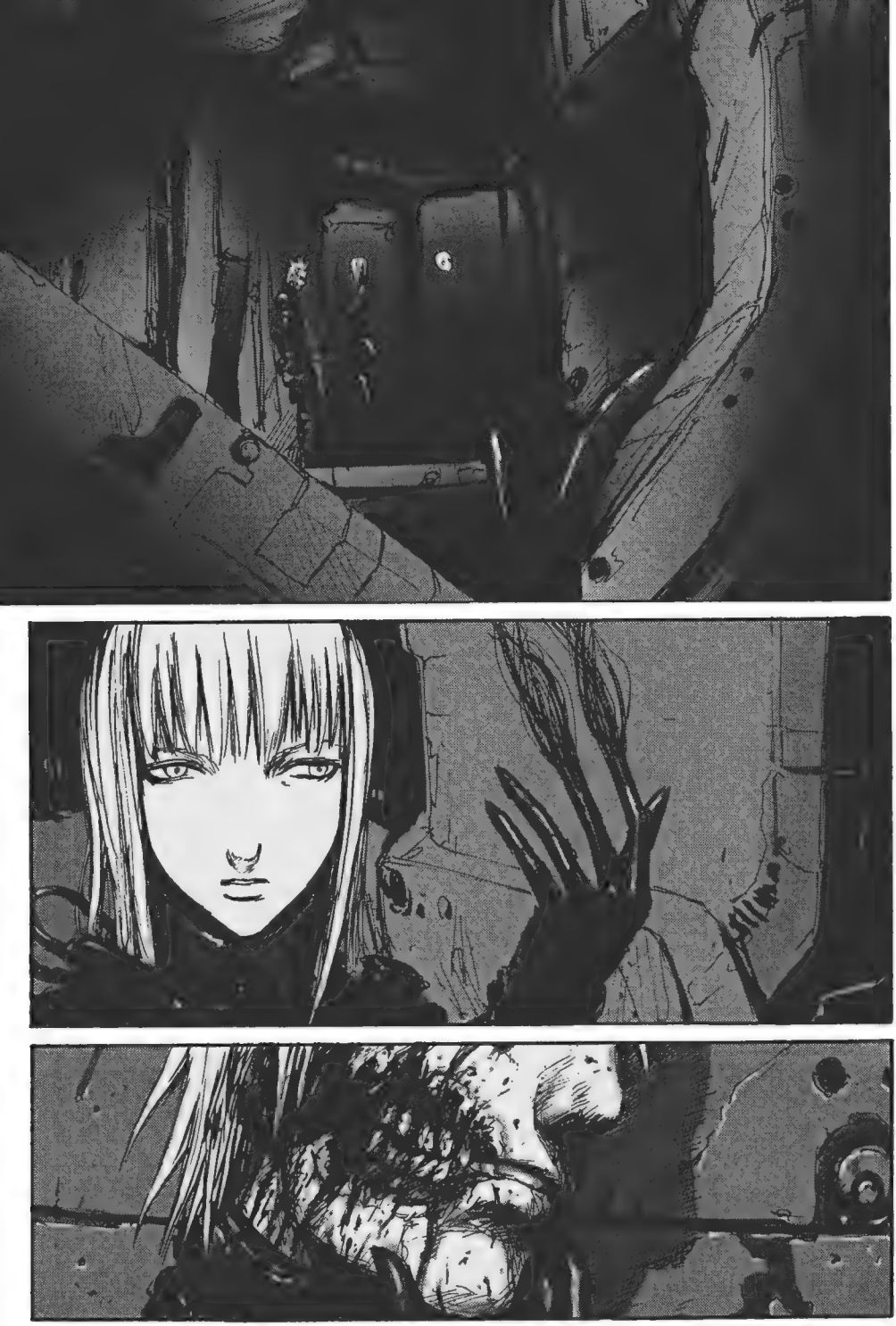
LOG.45 Molecular Dispersion



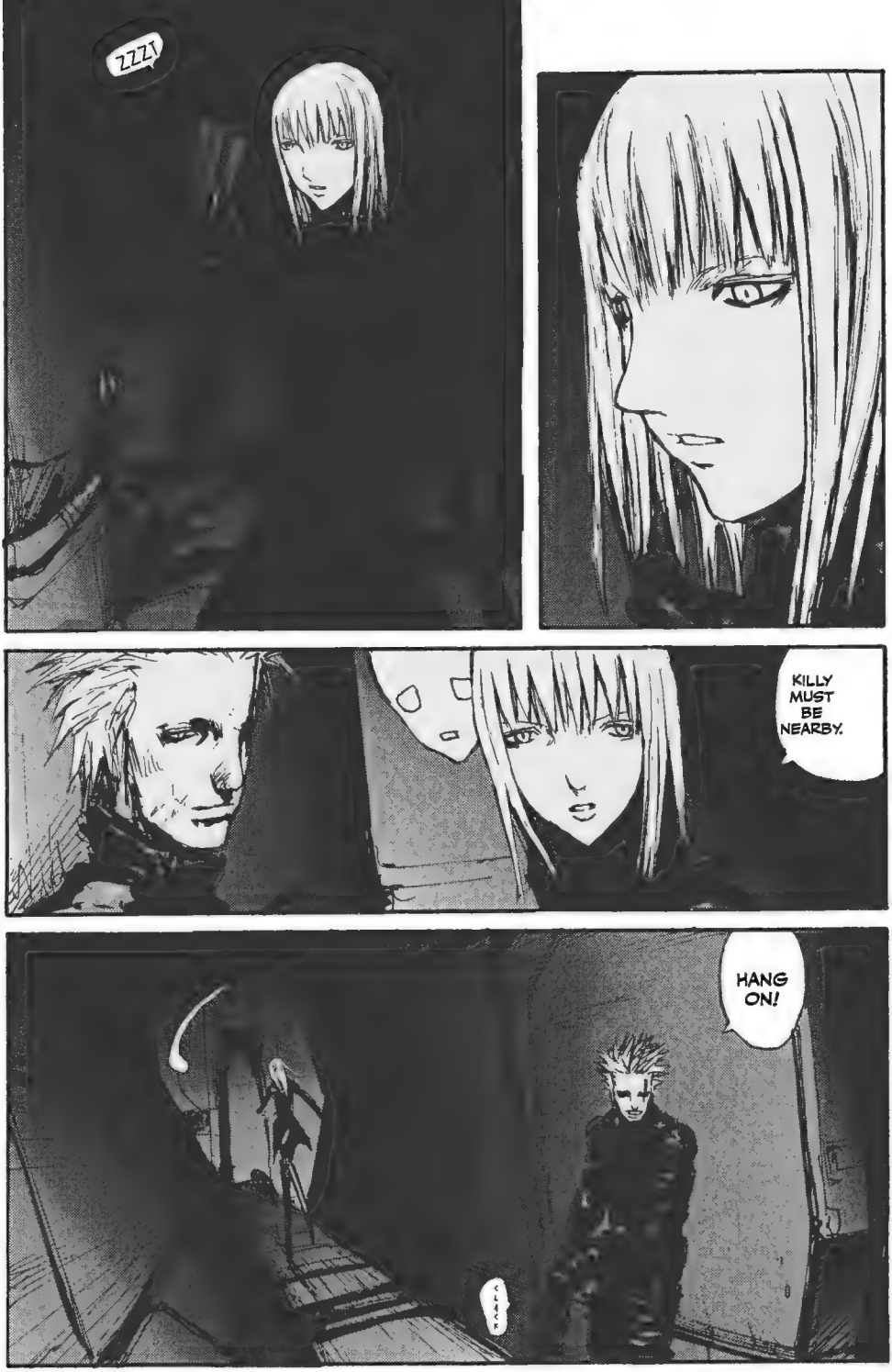
KLICK


DBOOM
CRIGGUNCH

BA-BOOOMMM



CHLIK-K-K-K-K-K-K-K-K-K
PCELL'S OPENED UP THE SHAFT!
.....
ALL DONE.

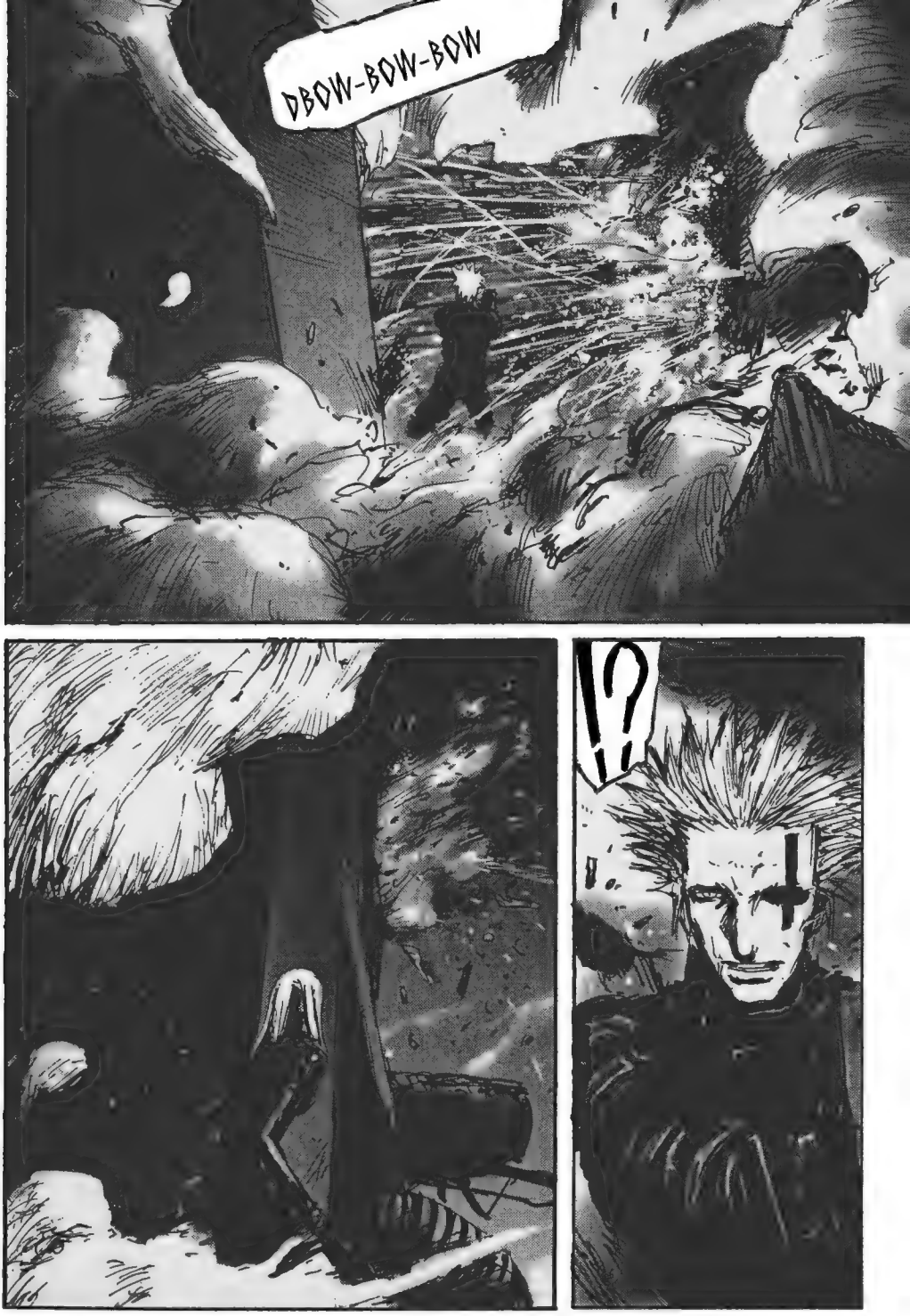

ZZZZ
KILLY MUST BE NEARBY.
HANG ON!
CLICK

WELL, WE CAN FIGHT WITH THE MEGA-STRUCTURE TO OUR BACKS FROM HERE ON OUT.
SMACK

YOU HEAR ME?
RUMBLE RUMBLE
ゴゴゴゴ!!
IT'S PCELL!
RATTLE
CLUNK
ガチャ
ガ!!!

BA-BROOOM

CH-
CHAK
Dshmm


DBOW-BOW-BOW
!?

KLINGK

BOOOM

Rumble

BLAM BLAM

THRMP

BGHGMMM

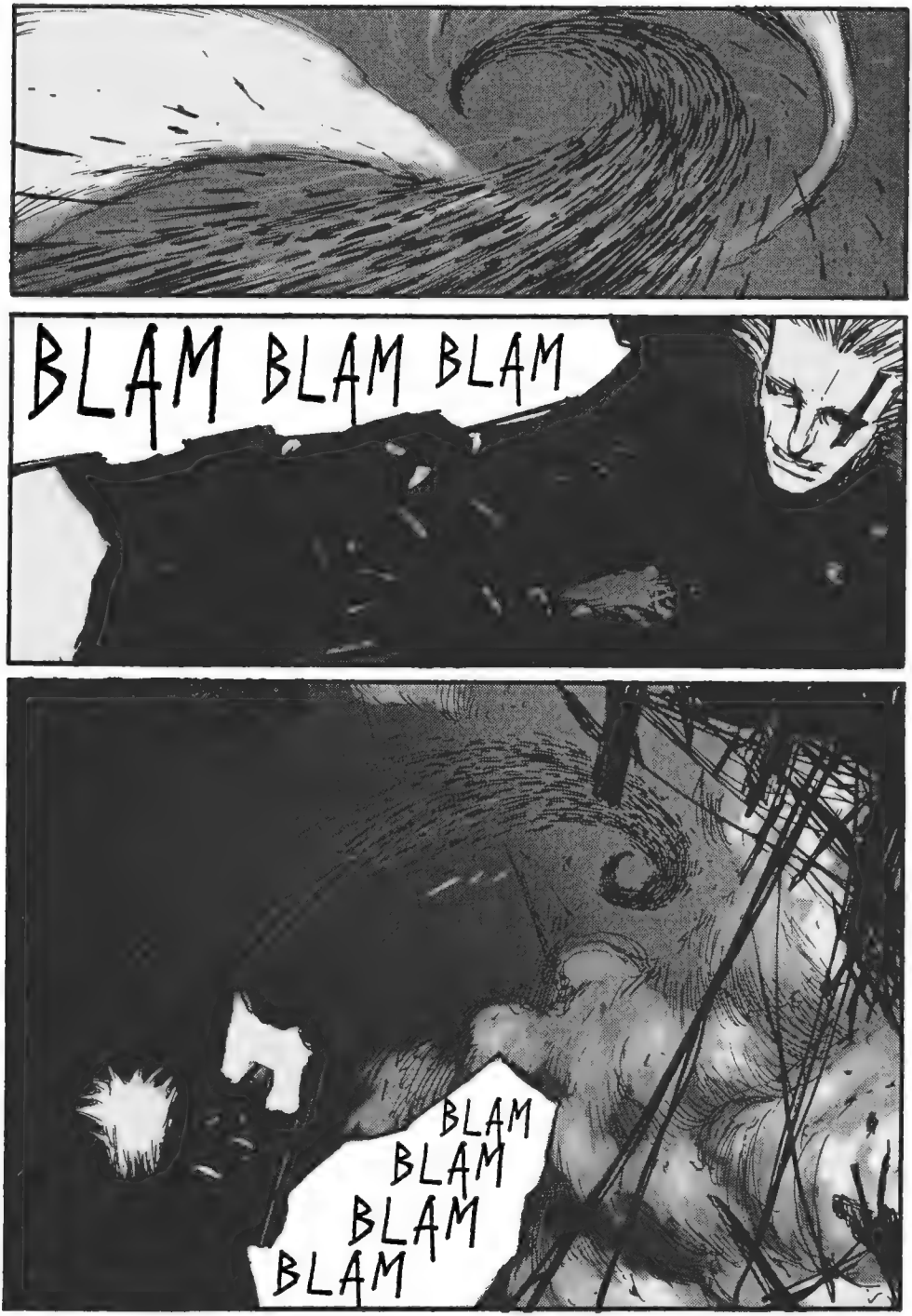
CRUMBLE

BLAM

TARGET HER HEAD, DHOMOCHEV-SKY! SHE'S USING THE CONVERSION TOWERS!

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?! SHOOT HER!
BLAM BLAM

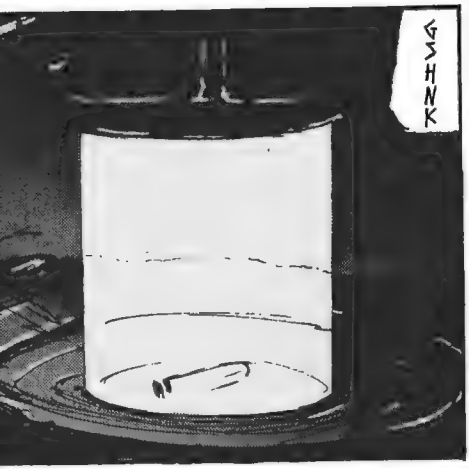
!!


BLAM BLAM BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM

LOG.45@END

LOG.46 Provisional Connection Certification

SHUNK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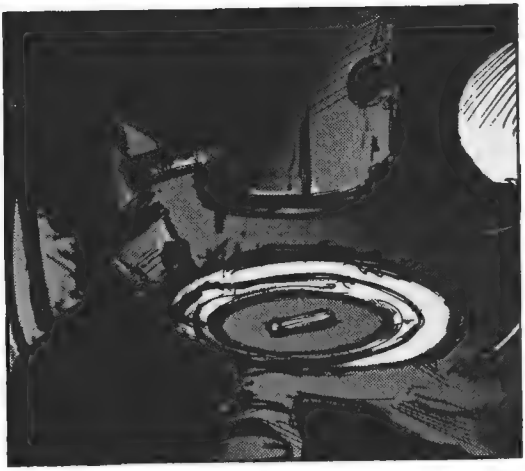
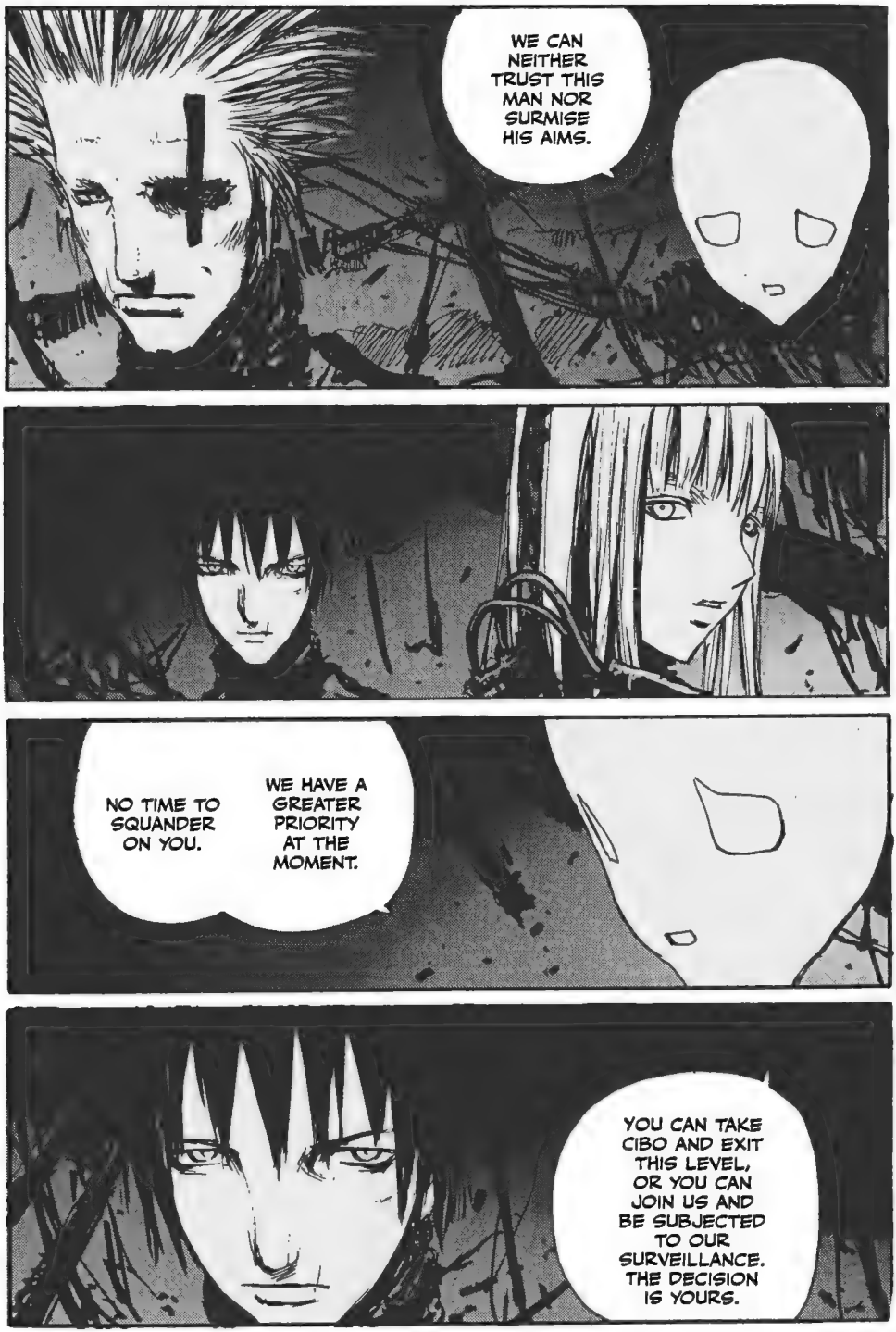
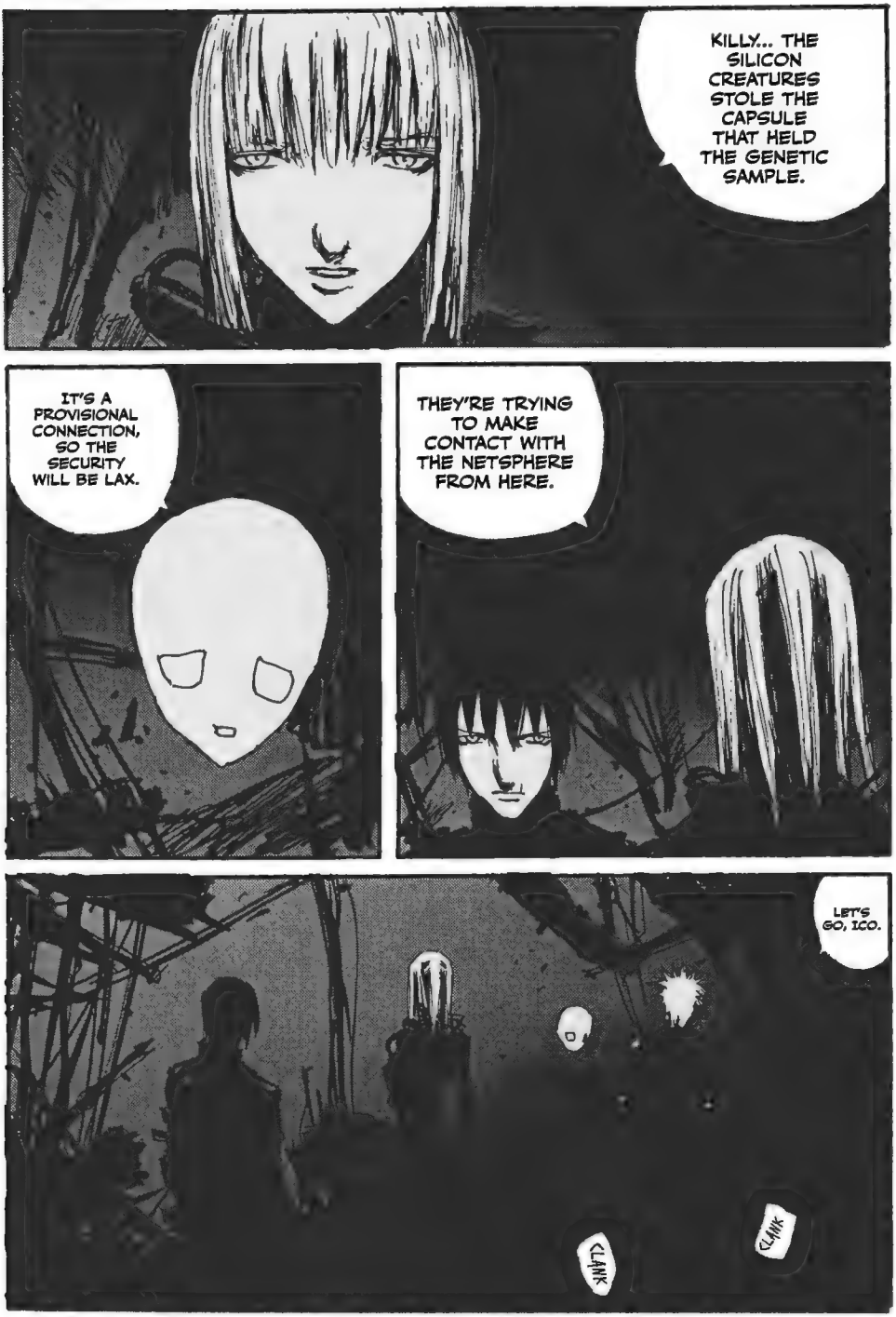
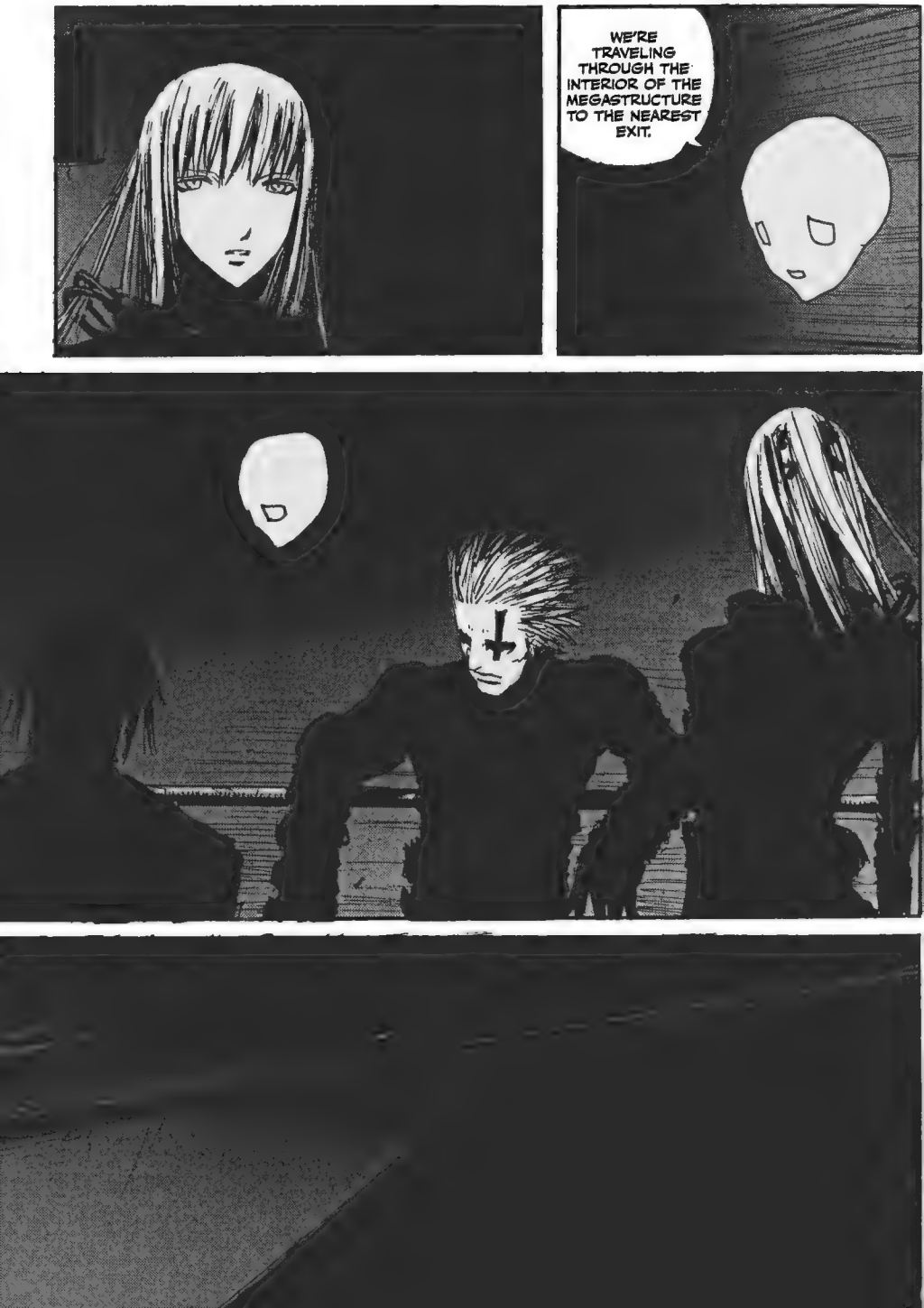


CLICK
THEY'RE PROTECTING THIS LEVEL FROM THE SILICON CREATURES. THEY'RE NOT OUR ENEMIES.
THESE PEOPLE ARE TEMPORARY SAFE-GUARDS.


WE CAN NEITHER TRUST THIS MAN NOR SURMISE HIS AIMS.
NO TIME TO SQUANDER ON YOU.
WE HAVE A GREATER PRIORITY AT THE MOMENT.
YOU CAN TAKE CIBO AND EXIT THIS LEVEL, OR YOU CAN JOIN US AND BE SUBJECTED TO OUR SURVEILLANCE. THE DECISION IS YOURS.

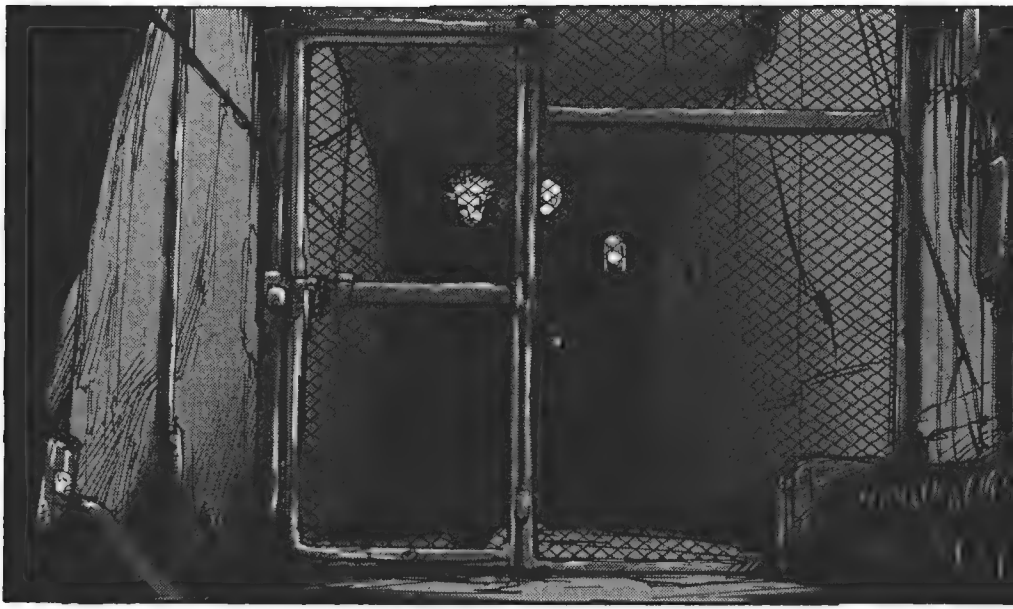

KILLY... THE SILICON CREATURES STOLE THE CAPSULE THAT HELD THE GENETIC SAMPLE.
IT'S A PROVISIONAL CONNECTION, SO THE SECURITY WILL BE LAX.
THEY'RE TRYING TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THE NETSPHERE FROM HERE.
LET'S GO, ICO.
CLANK
CLANK

WAIT.
GETTING THAT CAPSULE BACK IS NOW THE PRIORITY.

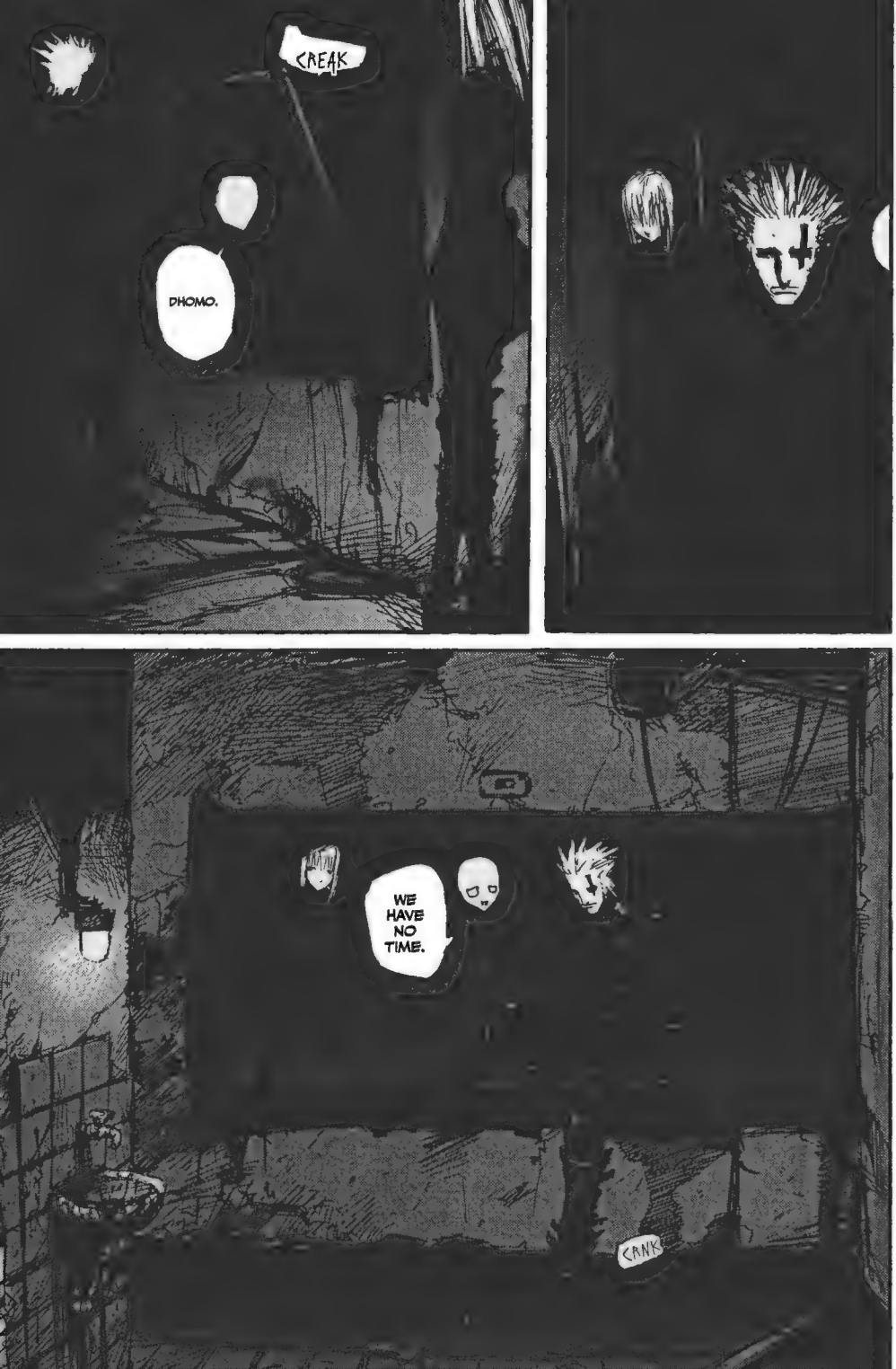

WE'RE TRAVELING THROUGH THE INTERIOR OF THE MEGASTRUCTURE TO THE NEAREST EXIT.

B-BMMMM

DRMMMM



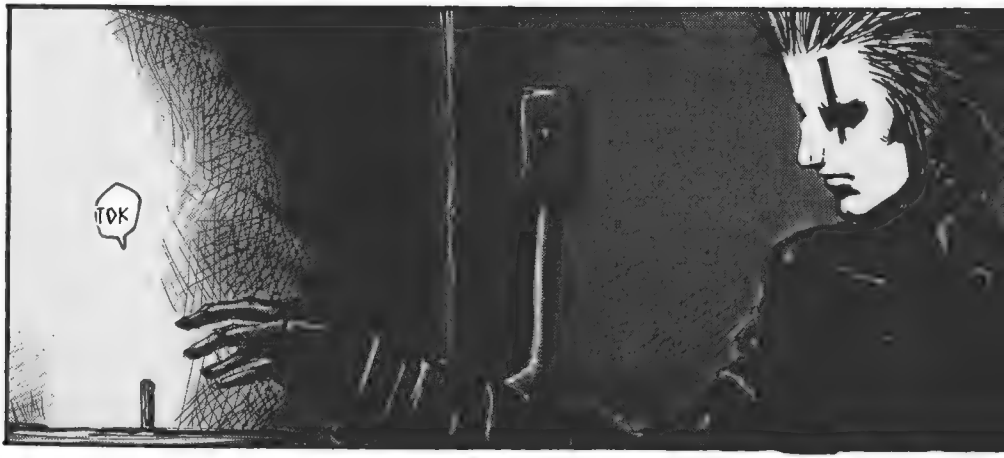
CRACK


CREAK
DHOMO.
WE HAVE NO TIME.
CRNK

SOMETIMES, VERY RARELY, A BUILDER WILL BRING SOMETHING UP HERE FROM LEVELS MUCH LOWER.

WHAT IS THIS?

THIS LOOKS LIKE A HUMAN DWELLING THAT HAS BEEN TRANSPLANTED HERE.


TOK

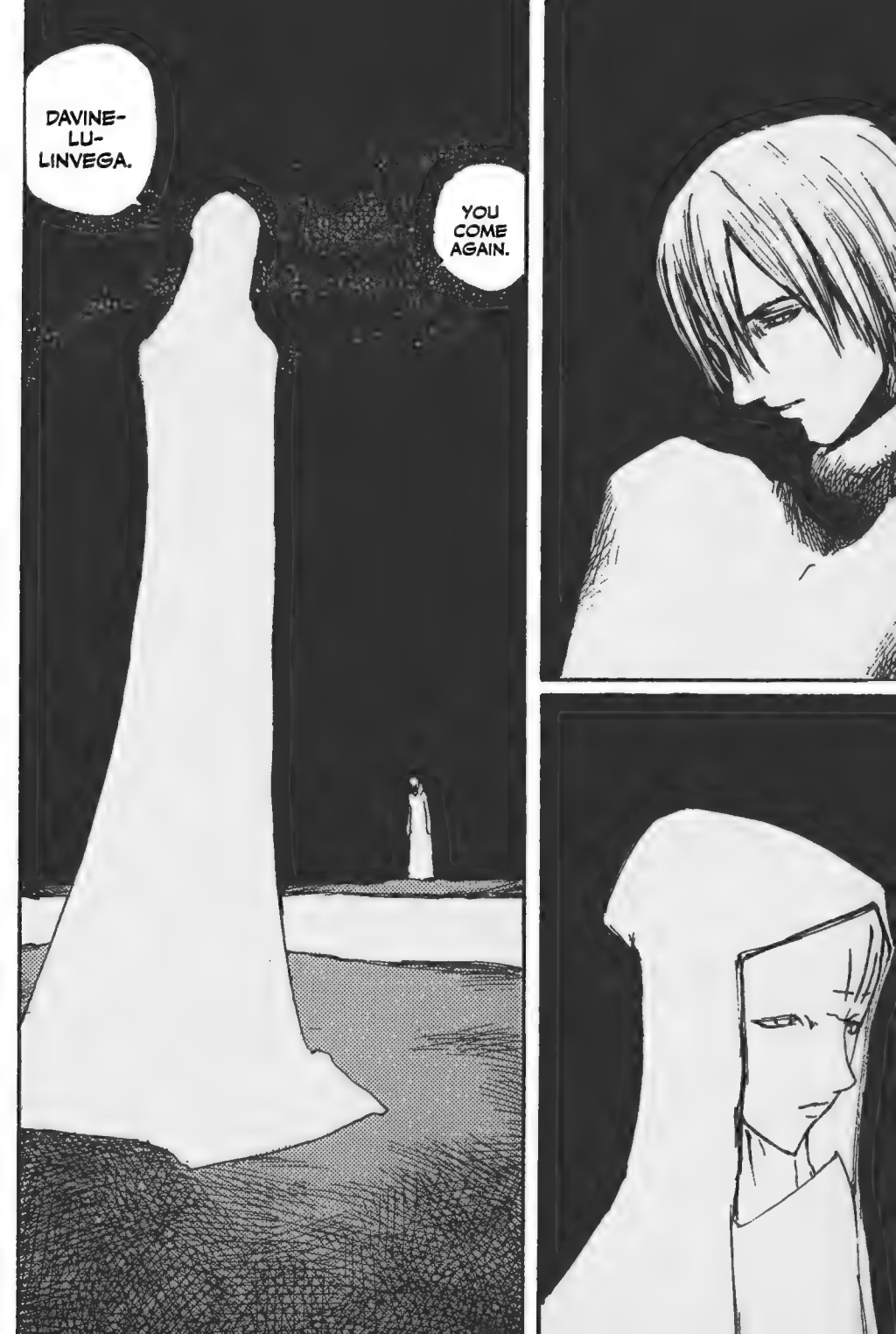
YOU'VE NOTICED HOW SOMETIMES YOU FIND DOORWAYS AND STAIRCASES IN TOTALLY POINTLESS PLACES, RIGHT?
THE OLDER BUILDERS TEND TO DO THAT A LOT.
WHAT IS THAT?
FOUND IT A WHILE AGO.
OLD PIECE OF... SOMETHING.

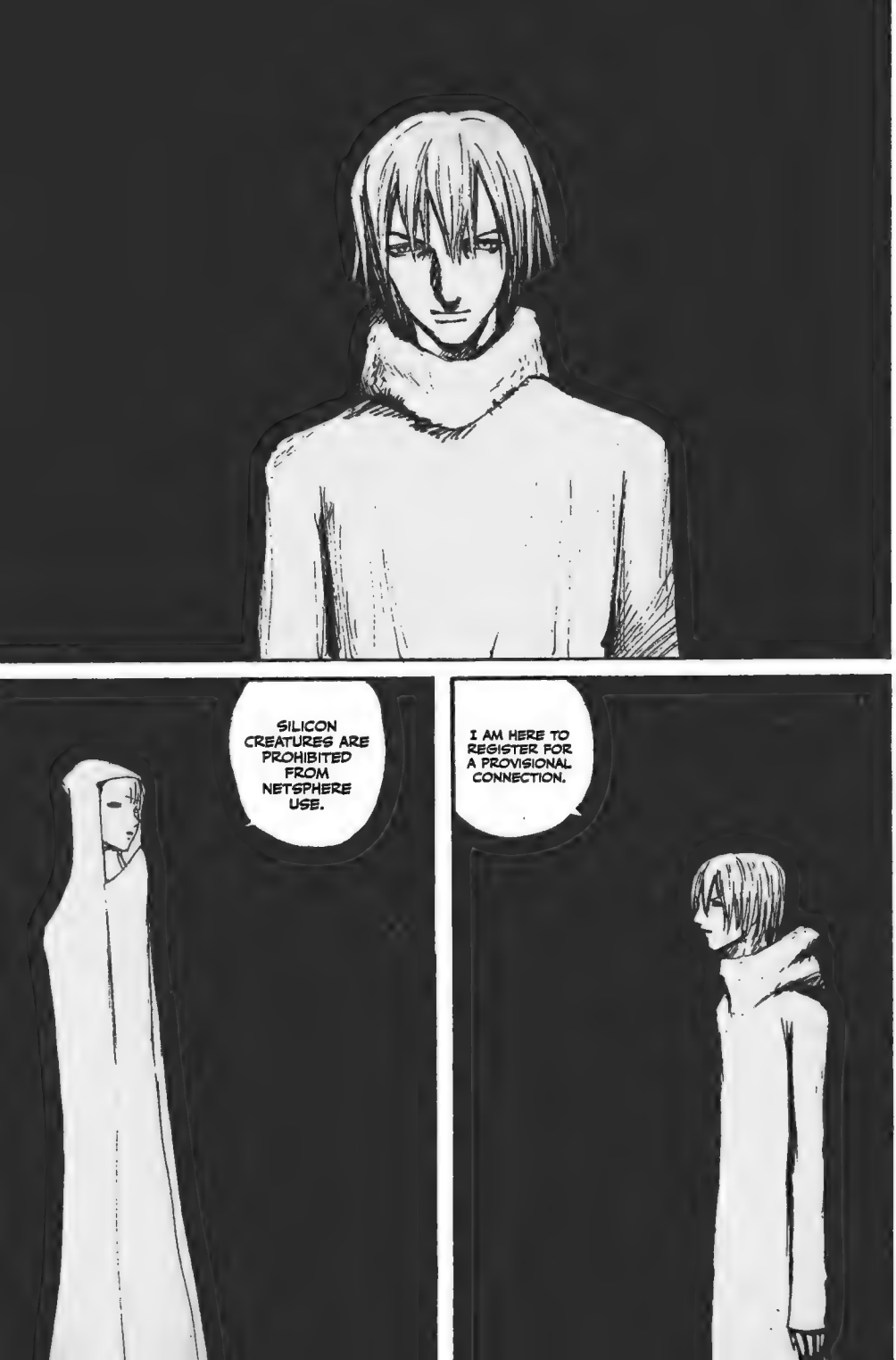
PSHHT
RMMBB
SHHHKK
ZZZT
ZZZT
RUMBLE
ゴゴゴゴ

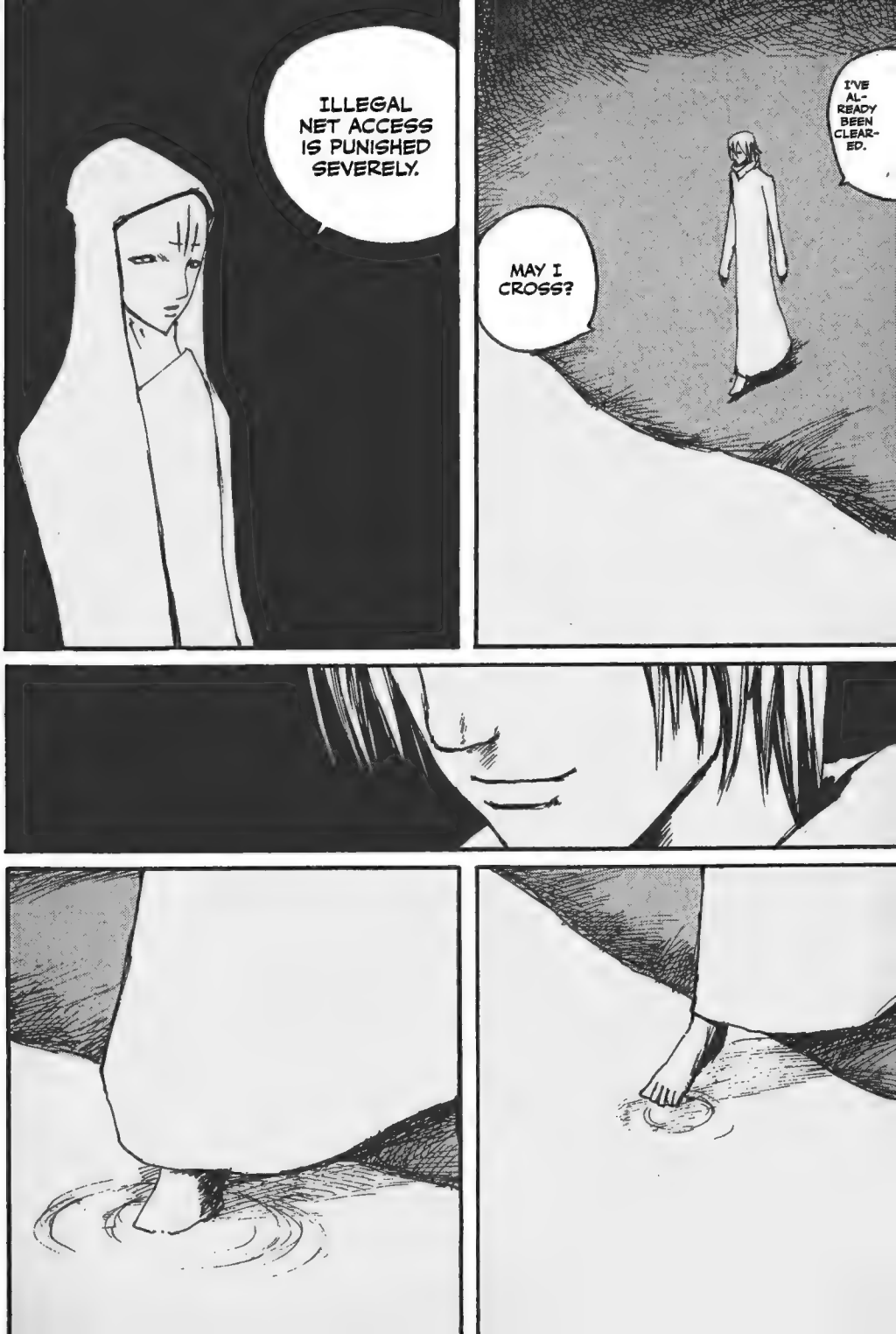
BERRIP
NLURCH

GRMMM

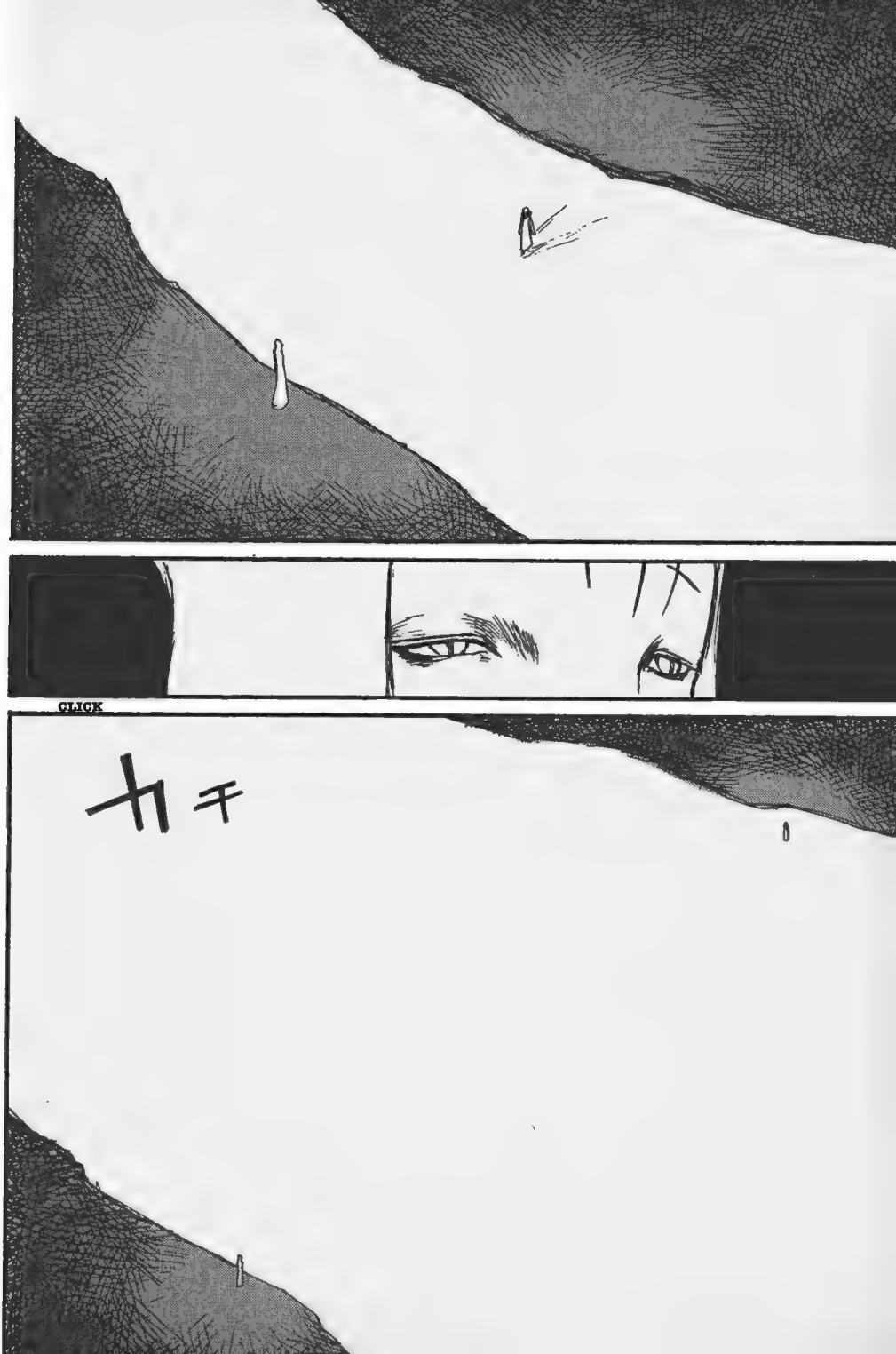
GSHHK


DAVINE-
LU-
LINVEGA.
YOU
COME
AGAIN.


I AM HERE TO REGISTER FOR A PROVISIONAL CONNECTION.
SILICON CREATURES ARE PROHIBITED FROM NETSPHERE USE.


ILLEGAL NET ACCESS IS PUNISHED SEVERELY.
I'VE AL-READY BEEN CLEAR-ED.
MAY I CROSS?

I DON'T SEE ANY SAFEGUARDS!
STRANGE.


CLICK
カチ

IS THAT THE BEST YOU CAN DO?
THE AUTHORITY IS SUCH A LETDOWN.

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LOG.46@END

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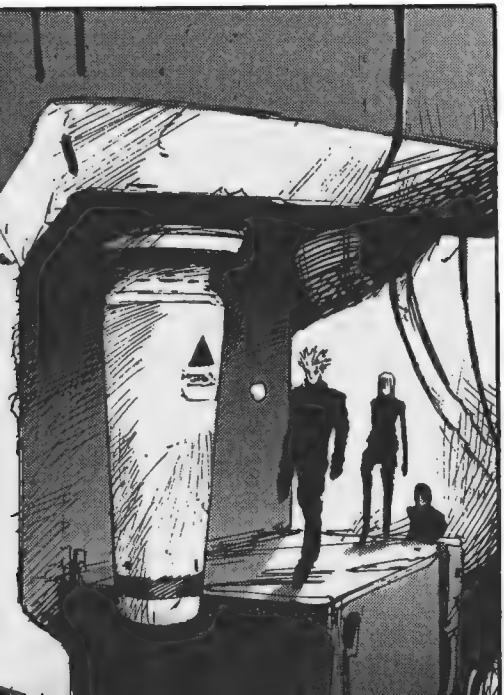
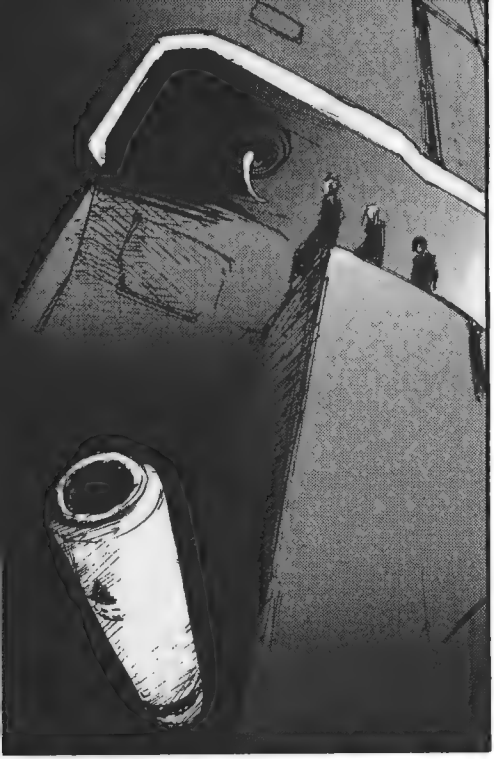
in the Cyber Dungeon quest!

LOG.47 Penetration





THUMP

NO GO... THIS TERMINAL'S DEAD.

ZZRT
TAKE A LOOK INSIDE.

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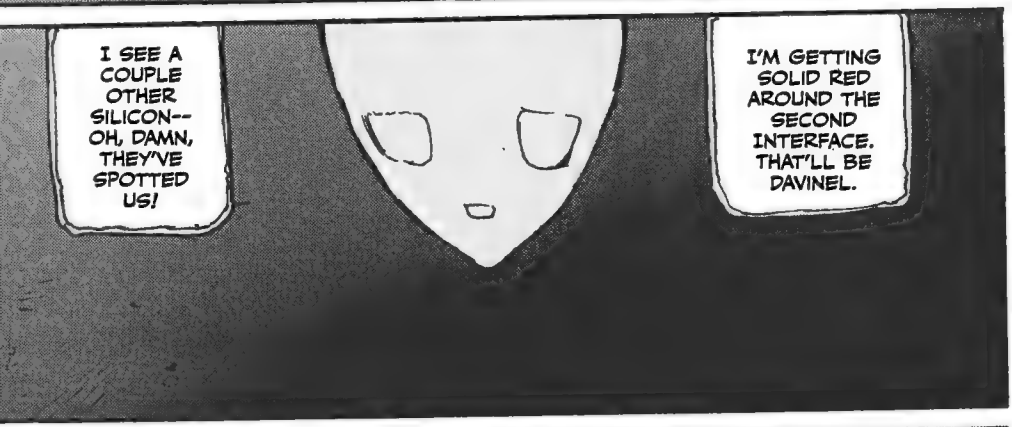

I SEE A COUPLE OTHER SILICON-- OH, DAMN, THEY'VE SPOTTED US!
I'M GETTING SOLID RED AROUND THE SECOND INTERFACE. THAT'LL BE DAVINEL.

ガギ

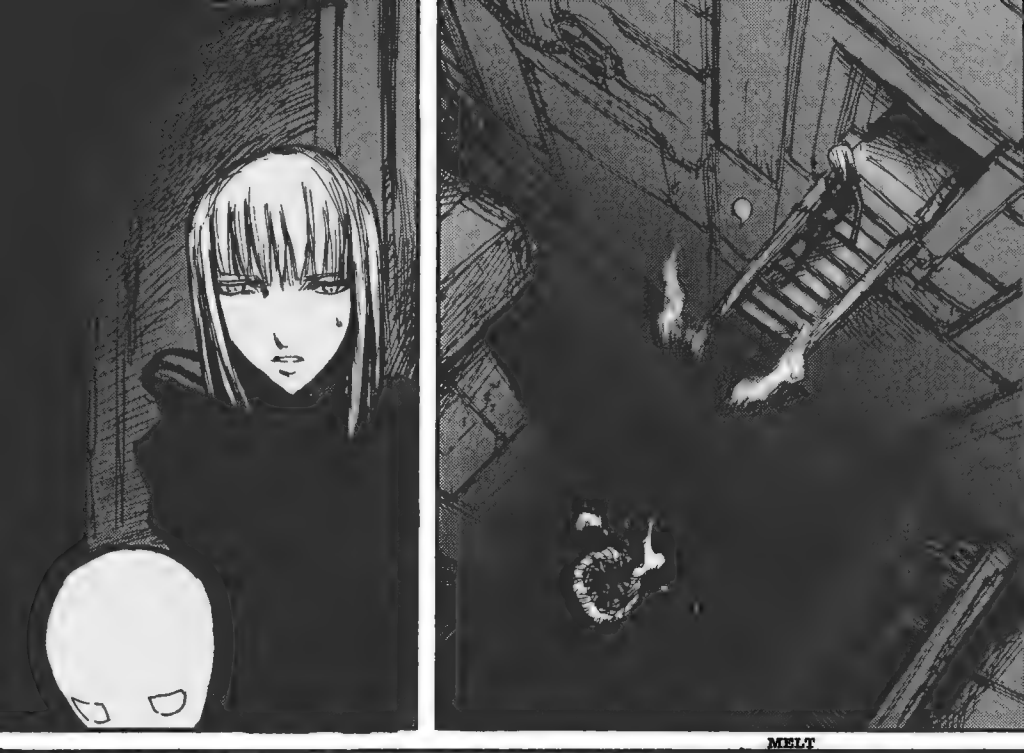
FLOP
RIP
SKITTER SKITTER

CIBO!
DSHHHM
MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH

BWOOM

BGERCH

ROAAR



MELT

SCUTTLE
SCUTTLE SCUTTLE
BLAM BLAM

KRUNGGG
BLUP
BLUP
BLUP
BLUP
BLUP
BLUP

SHHHOOOO

THEY'RE WHIPPIN' OUT THE BIG GUNS.
SIMPLE TRANSFER BODIES?
ZZT
BLORCH

BLAM
BLAM
BLAM

BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
BBBOOOM

BA-BA-
BA-BA-
BOOM
BLAM
BLAM-
BLAM
BMMM
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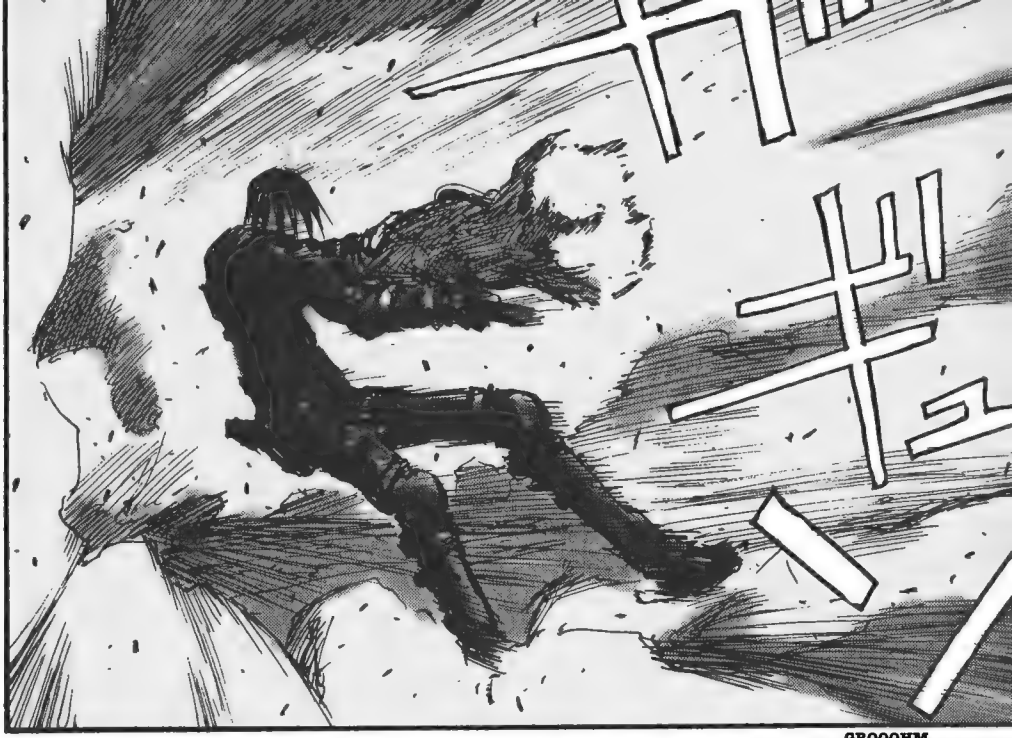
CLIK
BLAM BLAM
CLIK

BSSHHHT
BRMMM
BL-BL-BLOP

DSHHHH
WHRRRRR



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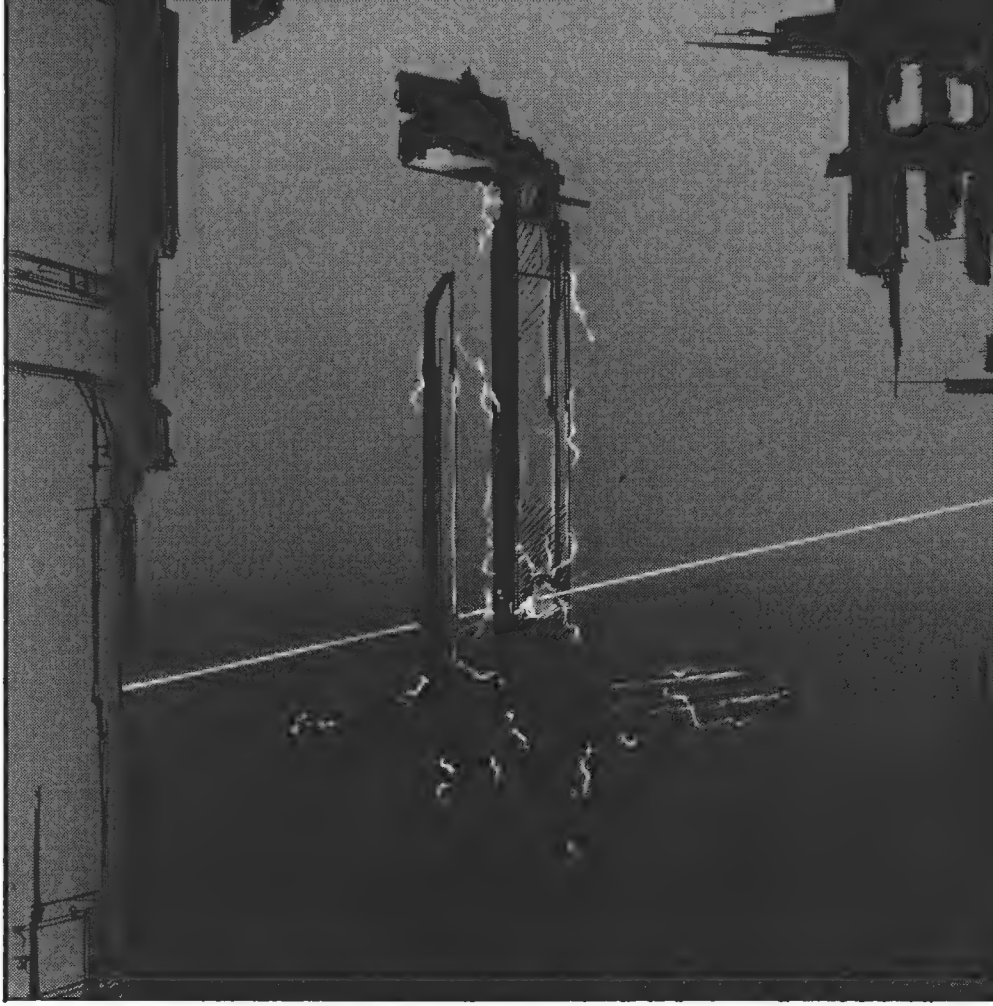
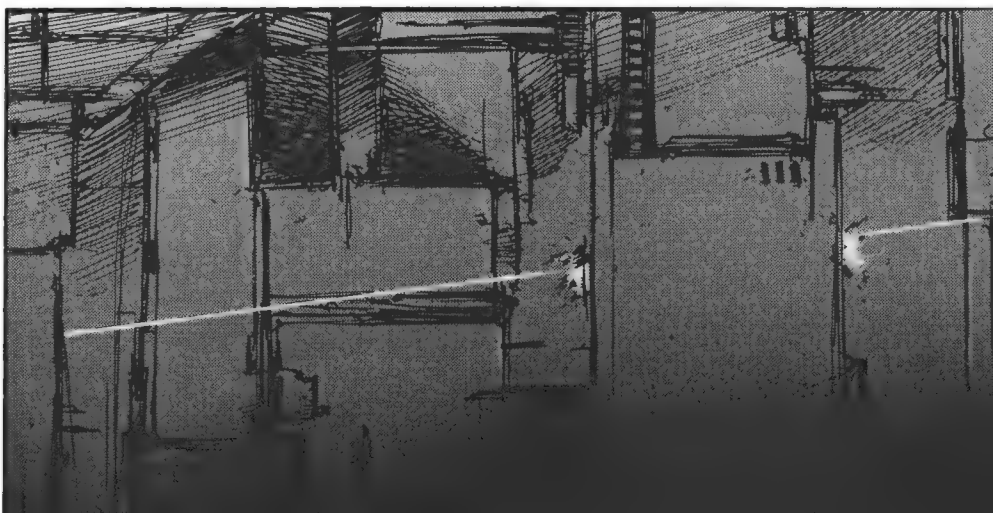
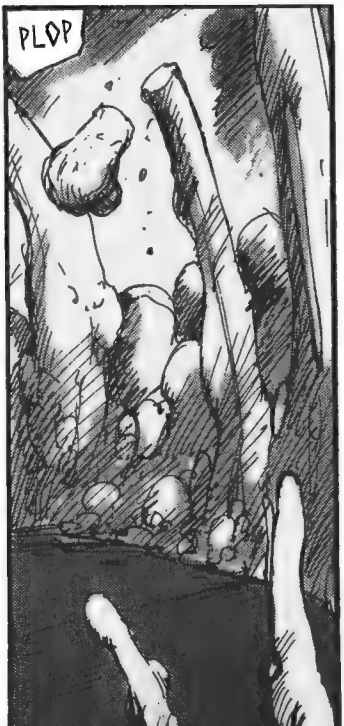




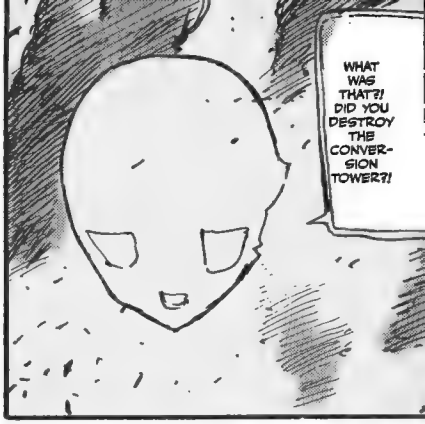
BSHHHH

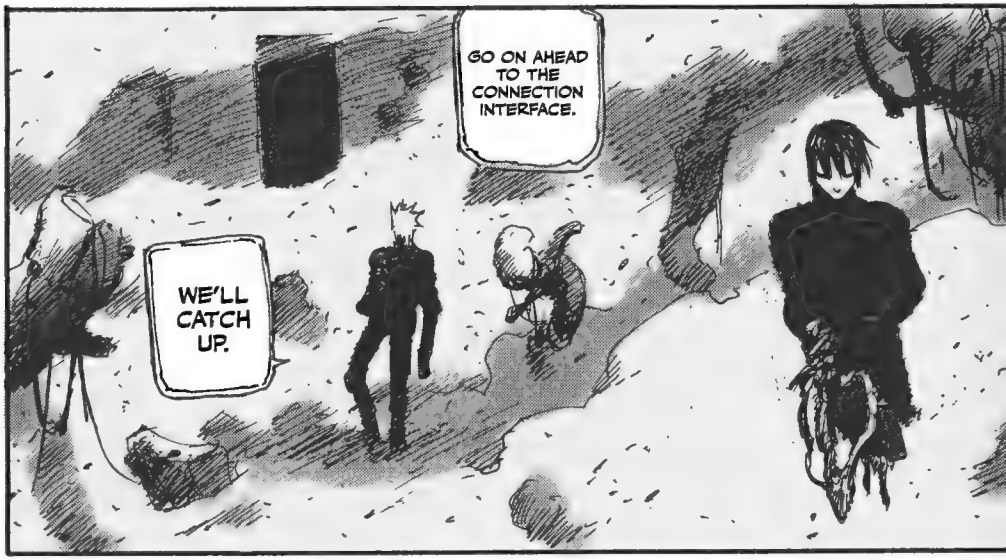
RUMBLE

HISSSS
?!


PLOP

SURE AS HELL WASN'T ME.


WHAT WAS THAT?! DID YOU DESTROY THE CONVER-SION TOWER?!

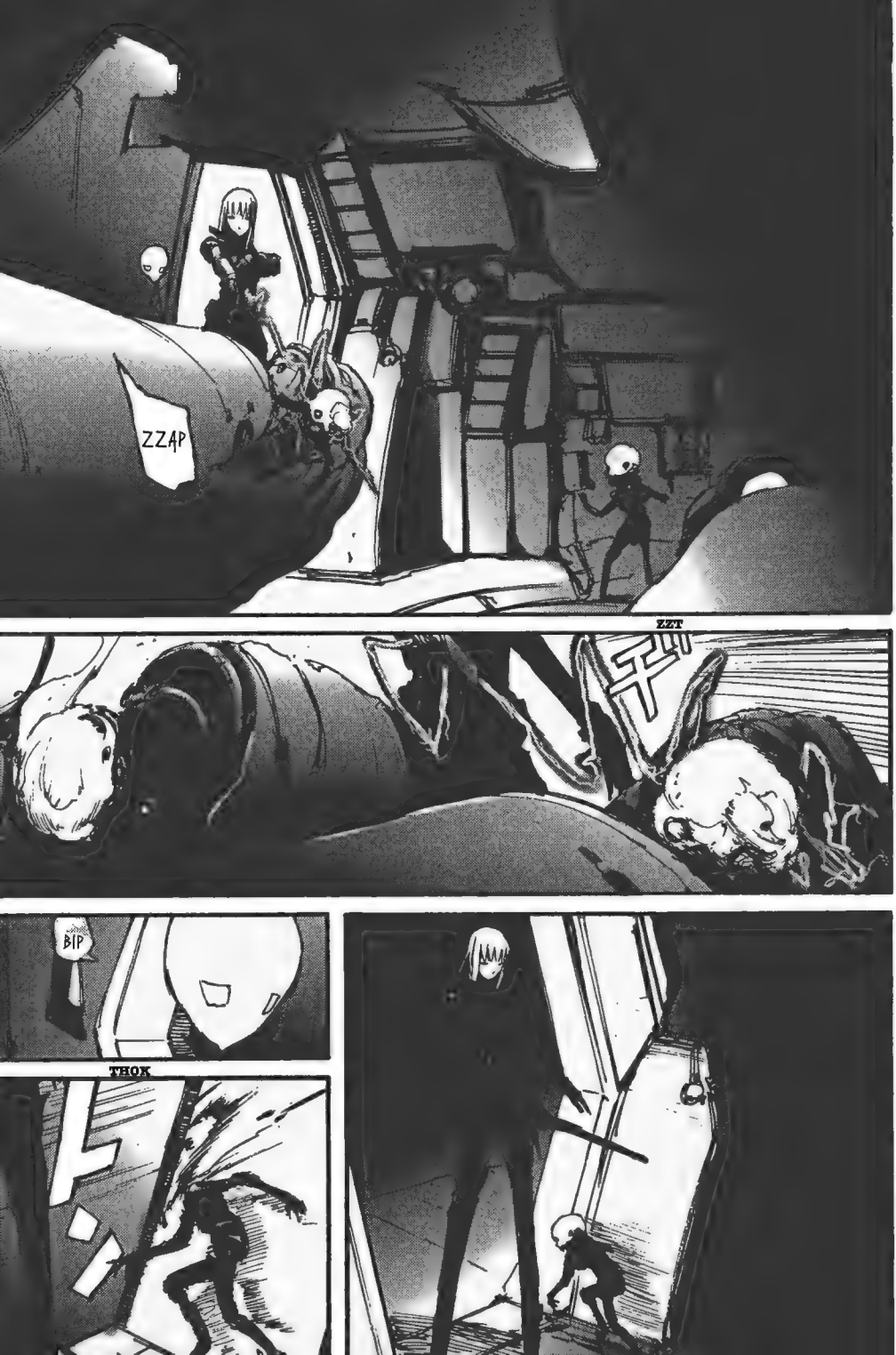

GO ON AHEAD TO THE CONNECTION INTERFACE.
WE'LL CATCH UP.

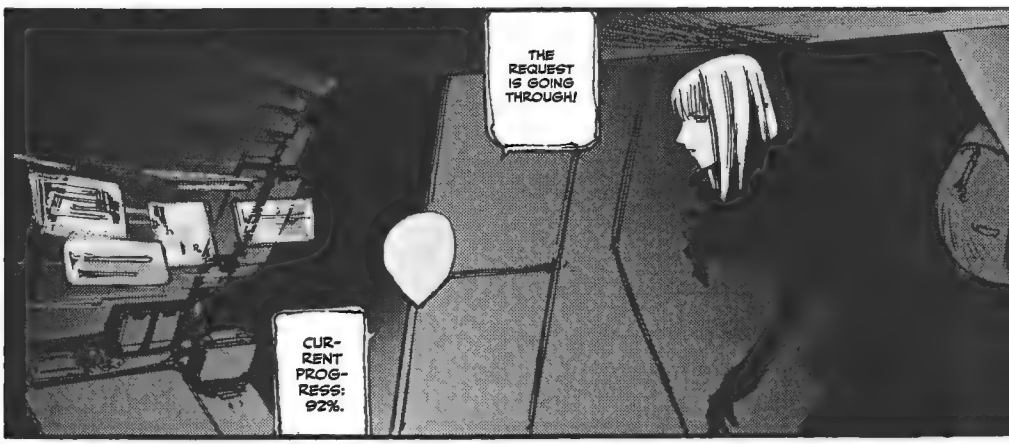
IF YOU COULD PICK IT UP, THAT'D BE GREAT.
ALSO, YOU MIGHT SEE MY ARM LYING AROUND SOMEWHERE.

LOG.47@END

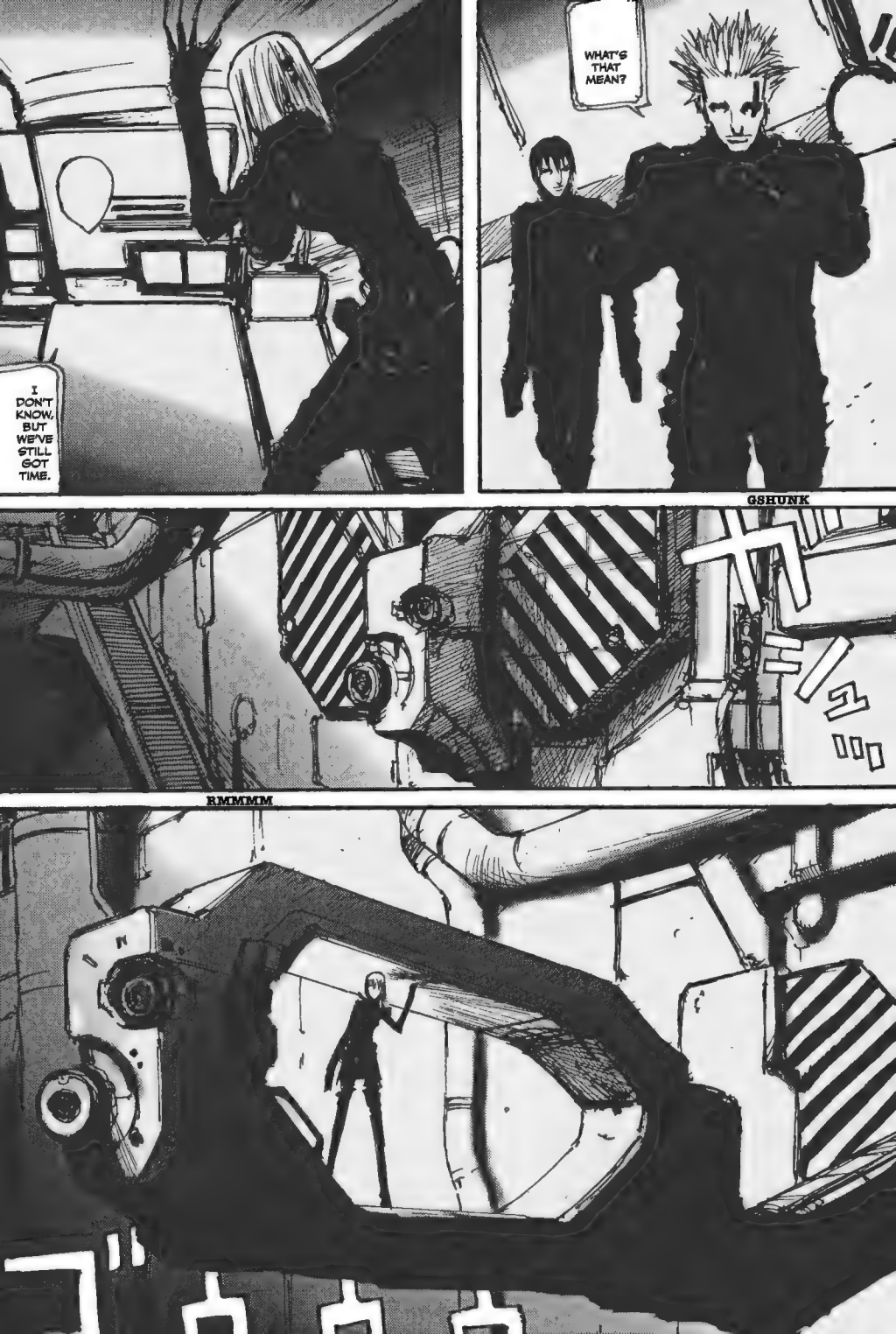
LOG. 48 Impulse

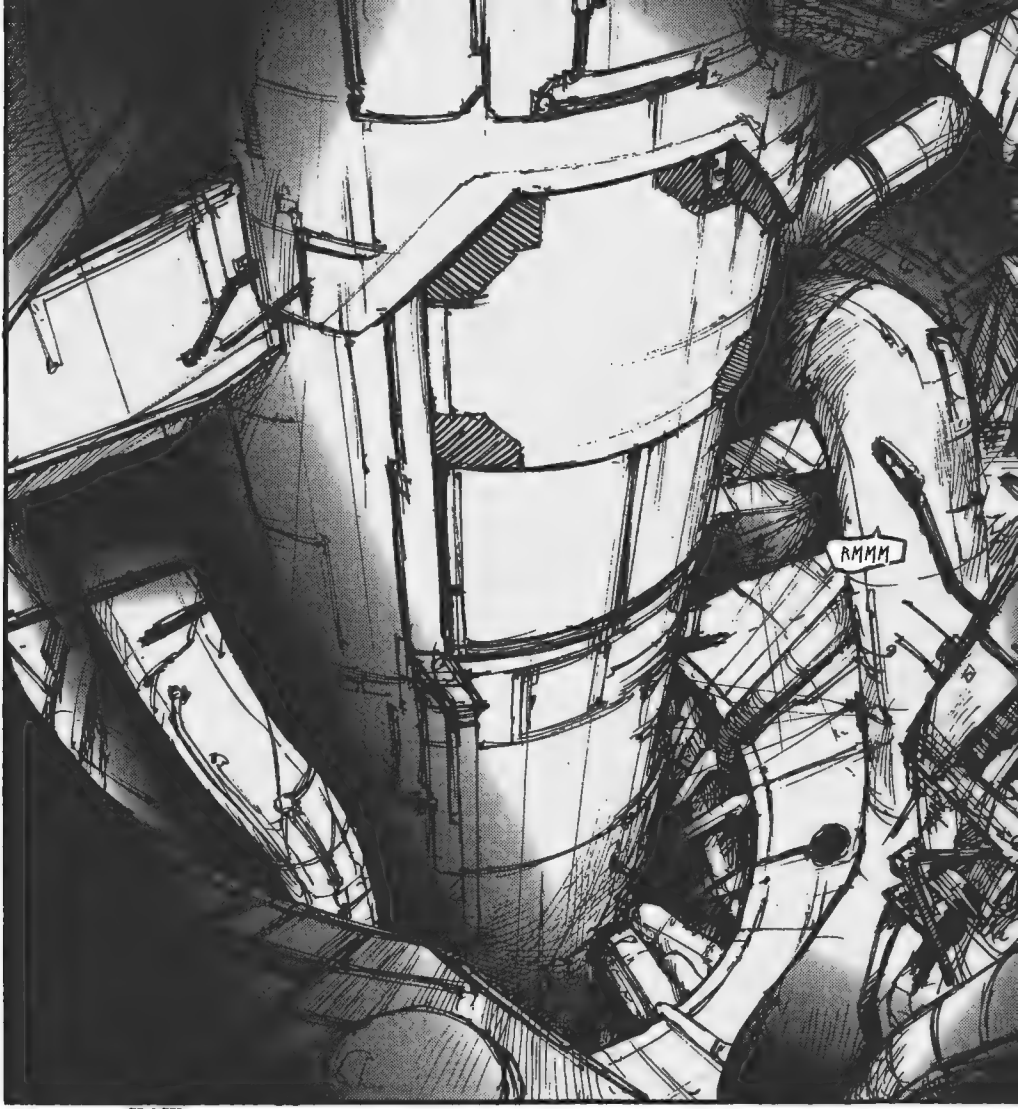
SH
BEEP
SHHHNK


ZZAP
ZZT
BIP
THOK


THE REQUEST IS GOING THROUGH!
CUR-RENT PROG-RESS: 92%.

STRANGE, THE SPEED IS FAR TOO SLOW...


I DON'T KNOW, BUT WE'VE STILL GOT TIME.
WHAT'S THAT MEAN?
GSHUNK
RMMMMM



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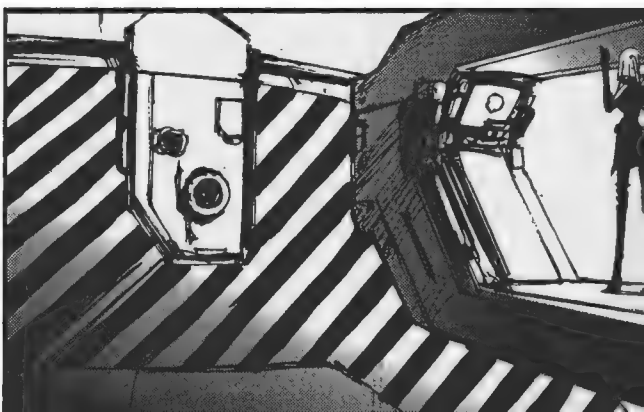
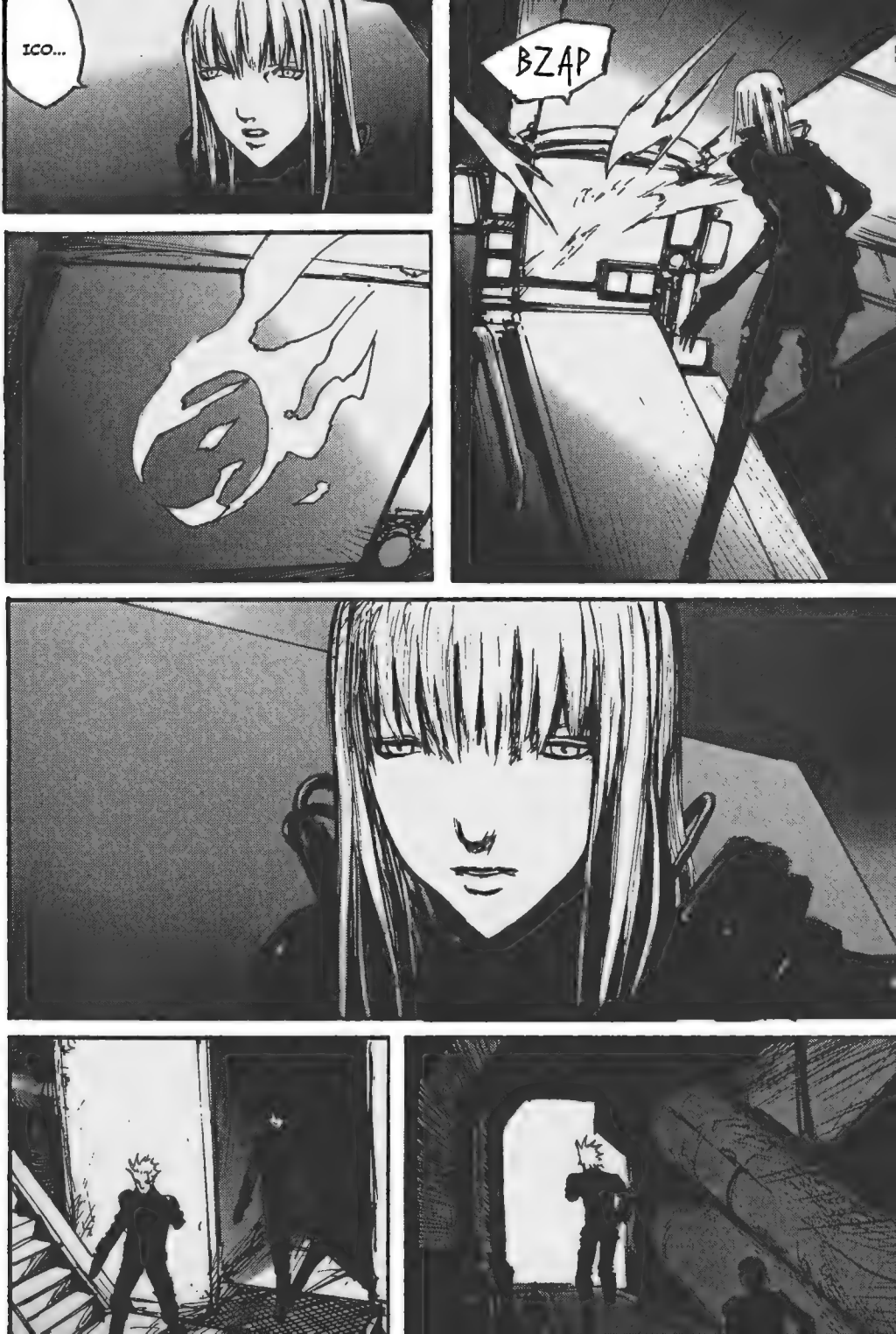
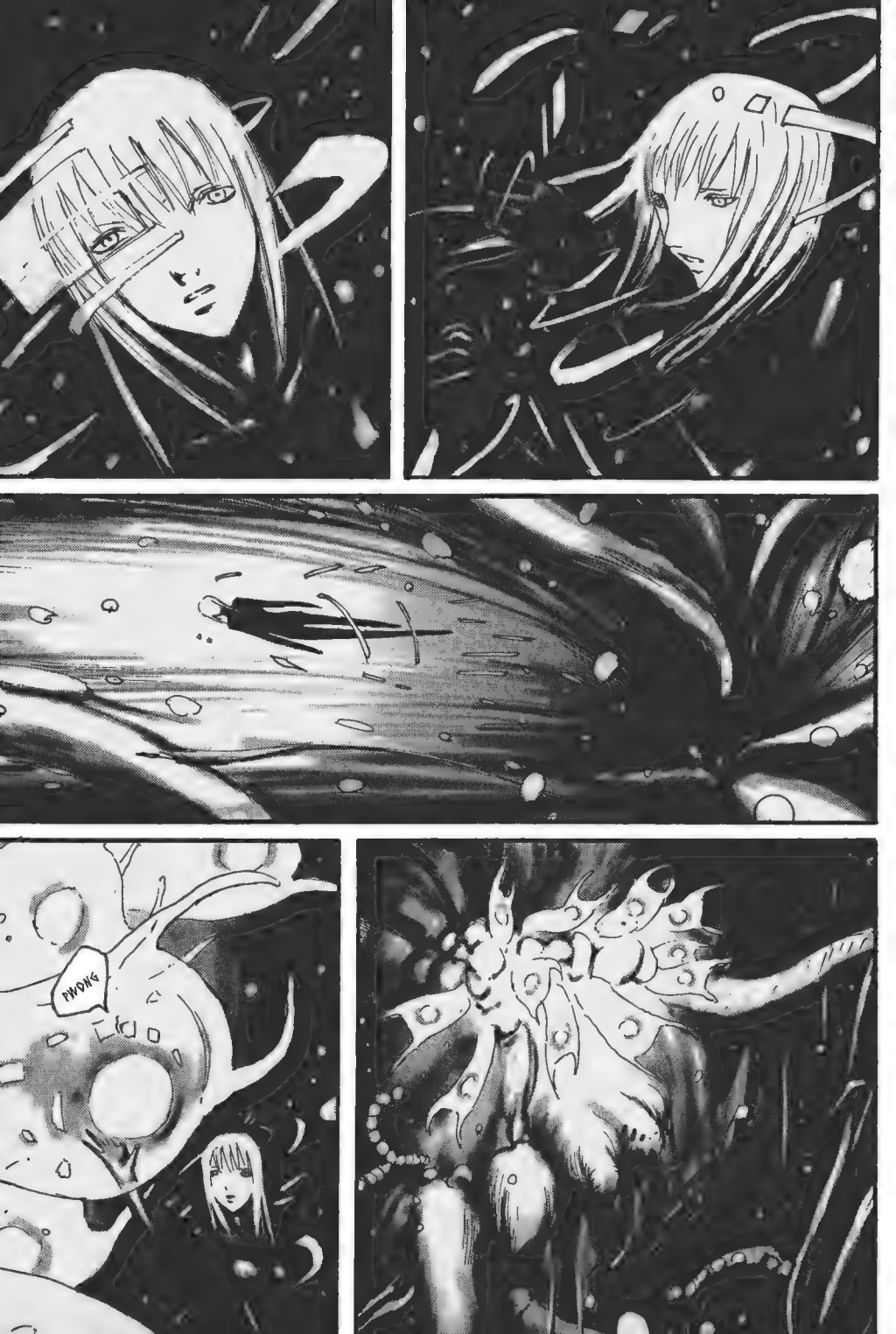



ICO...
BZAP

ICO! OPEN THE GATE!
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG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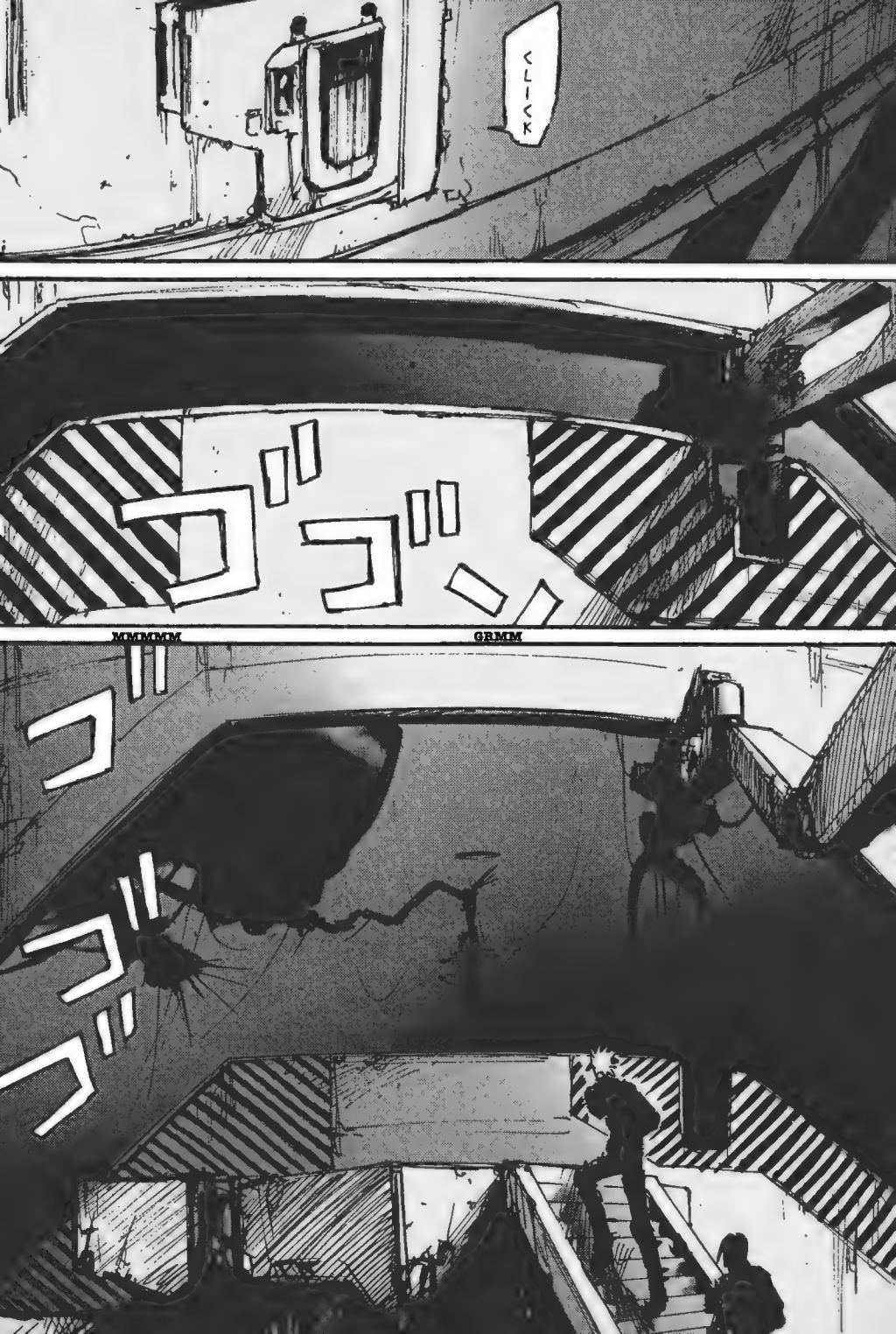
CLICK
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MMMMM
GRMM
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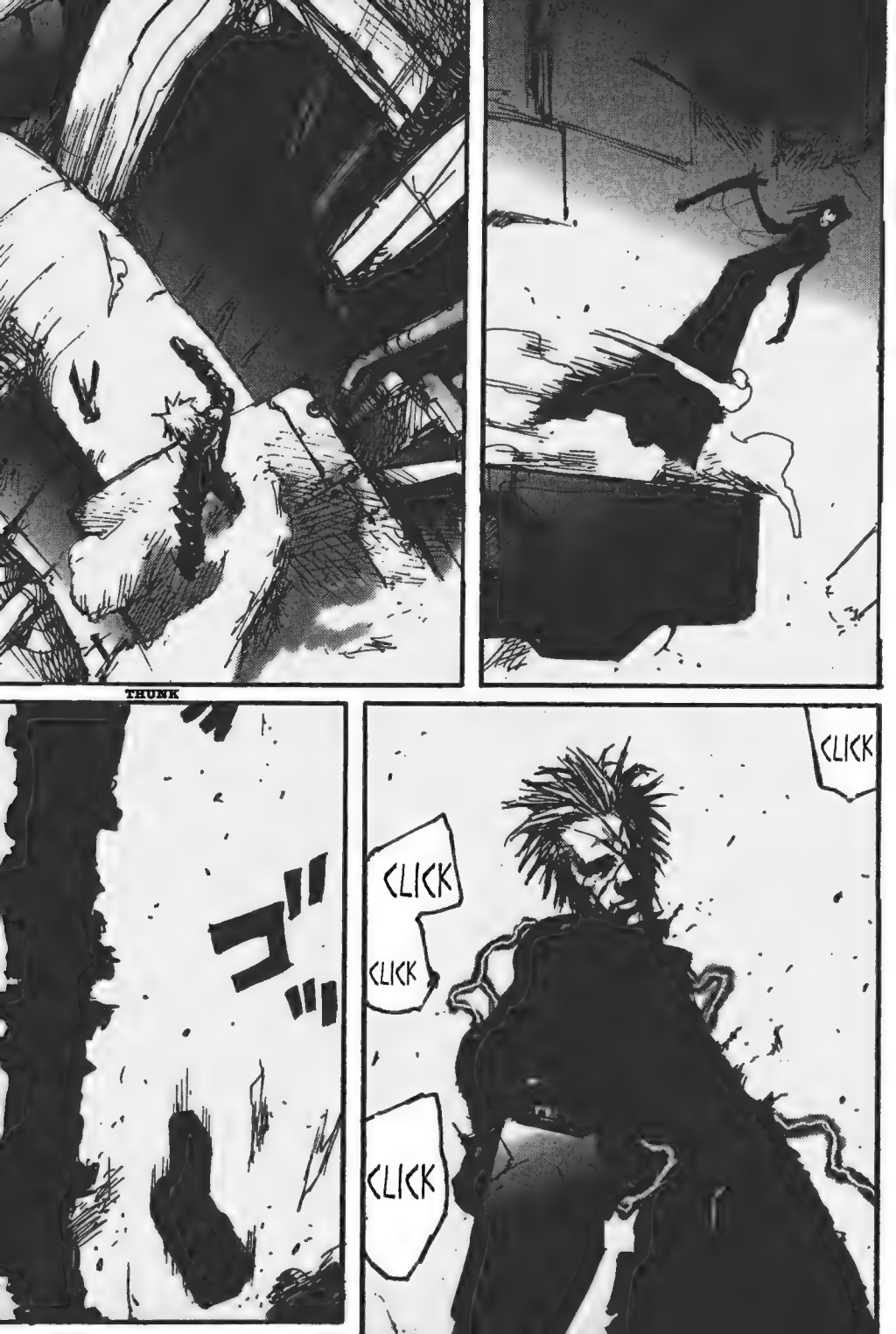
BOOOM

CLACK
BLAM
CRUNCH
KLIK

ZZZZZTT
ZZZZ

CLICK
MURCHH


THUNK
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CLICK
CLICK
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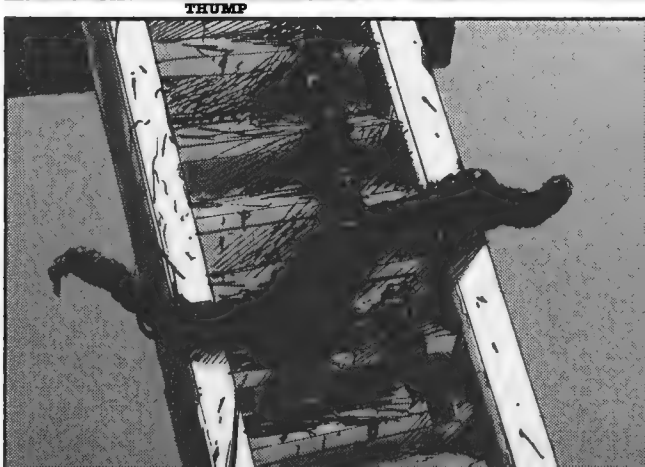
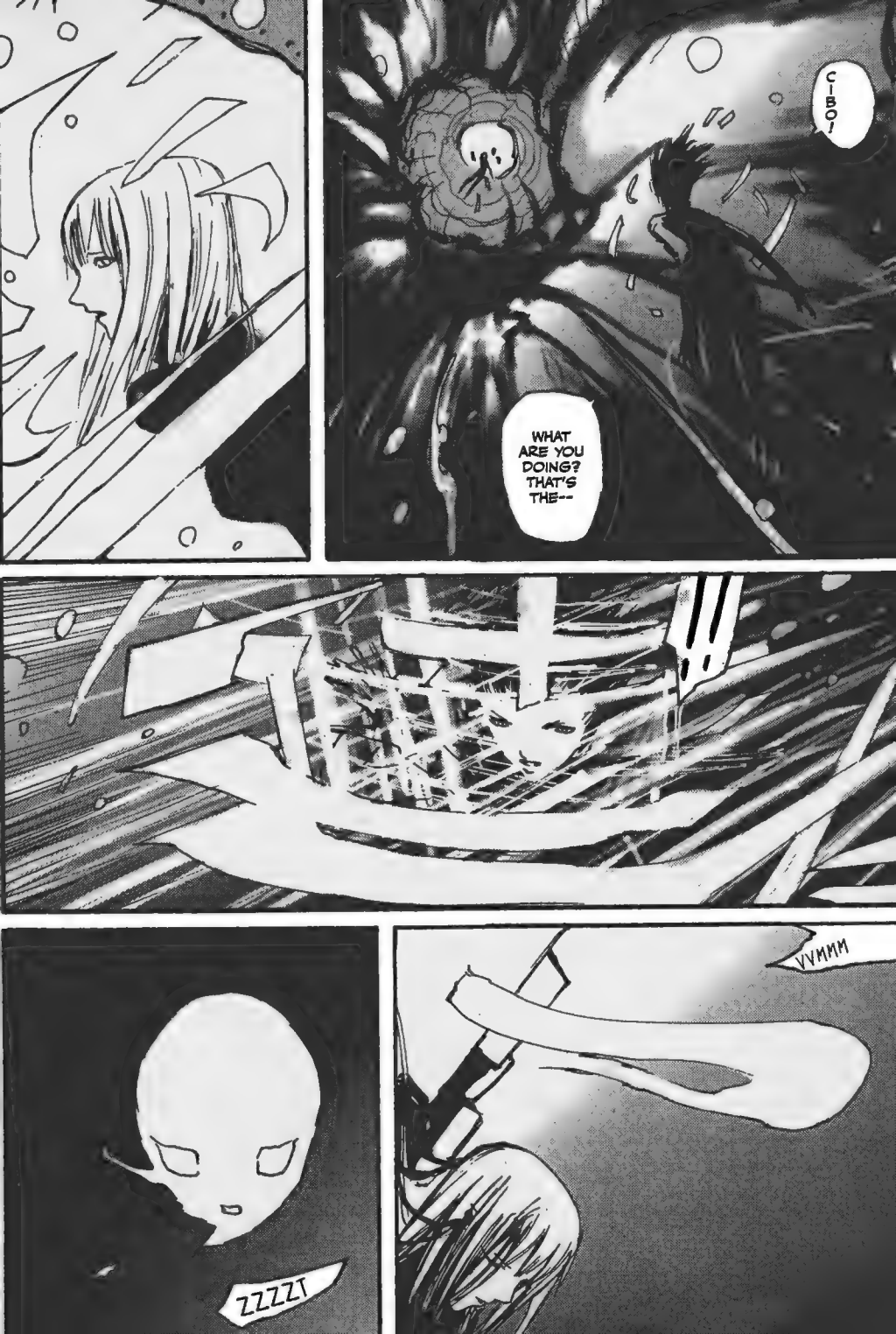
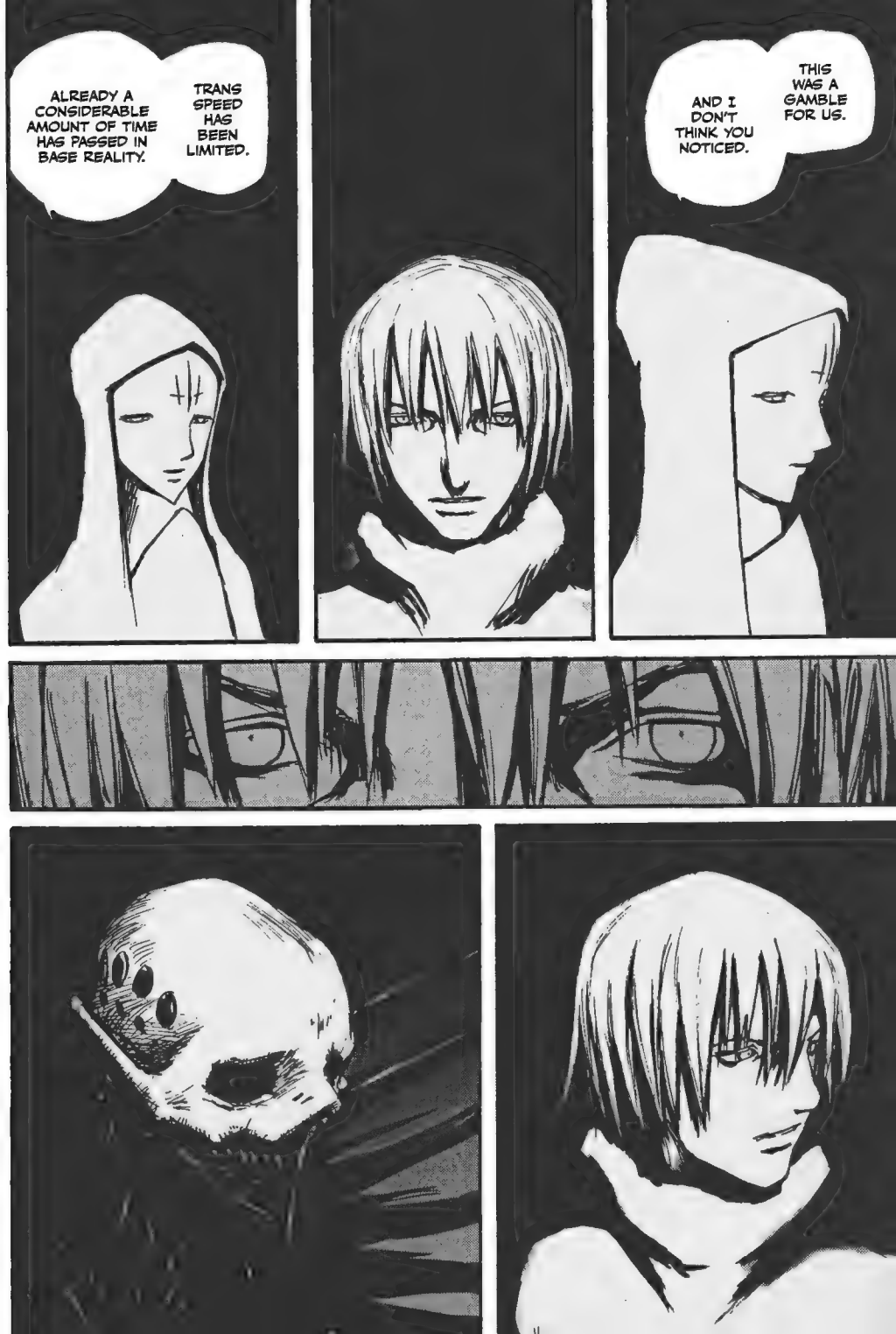
THUMP



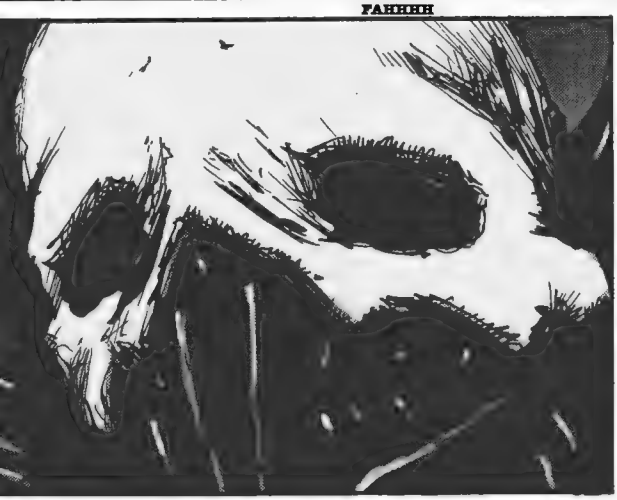
CIBO
?!


CIBO!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? THAT'S THE--
!!
ZZZZT
VVMMM

I'M ALMOST THERE...
...AU-THOR-ITY.
FOUR MORE STEPS...
THREE...


ALREADY A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TIME HAS PASSED IN BASE REALITY.
TRANS SPEED HAS BEEN LIMITED.
AND I DON'T THINK YOU NOTICED.
THIS WAS A GAMBLE FOR US.

FAHHHH



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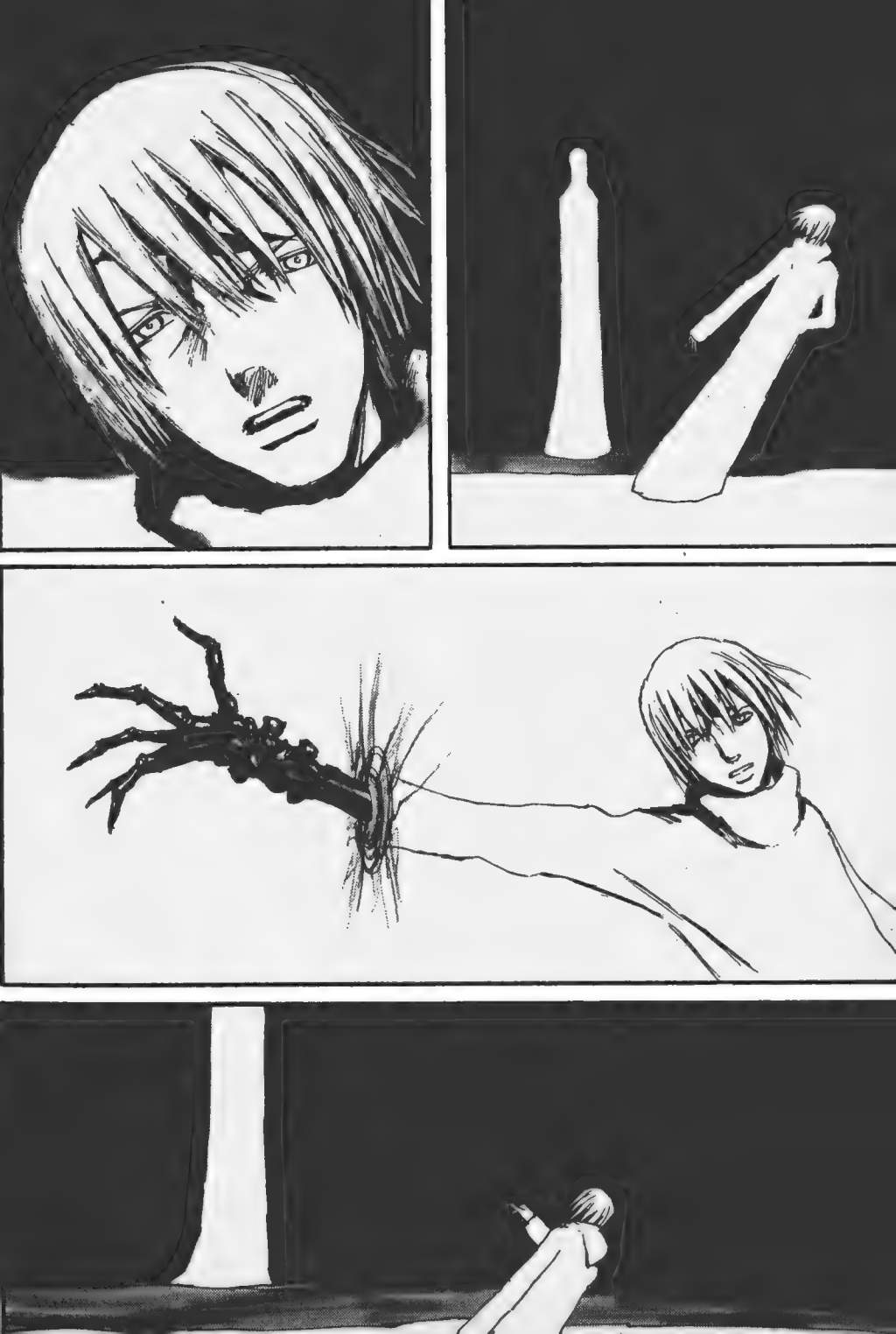
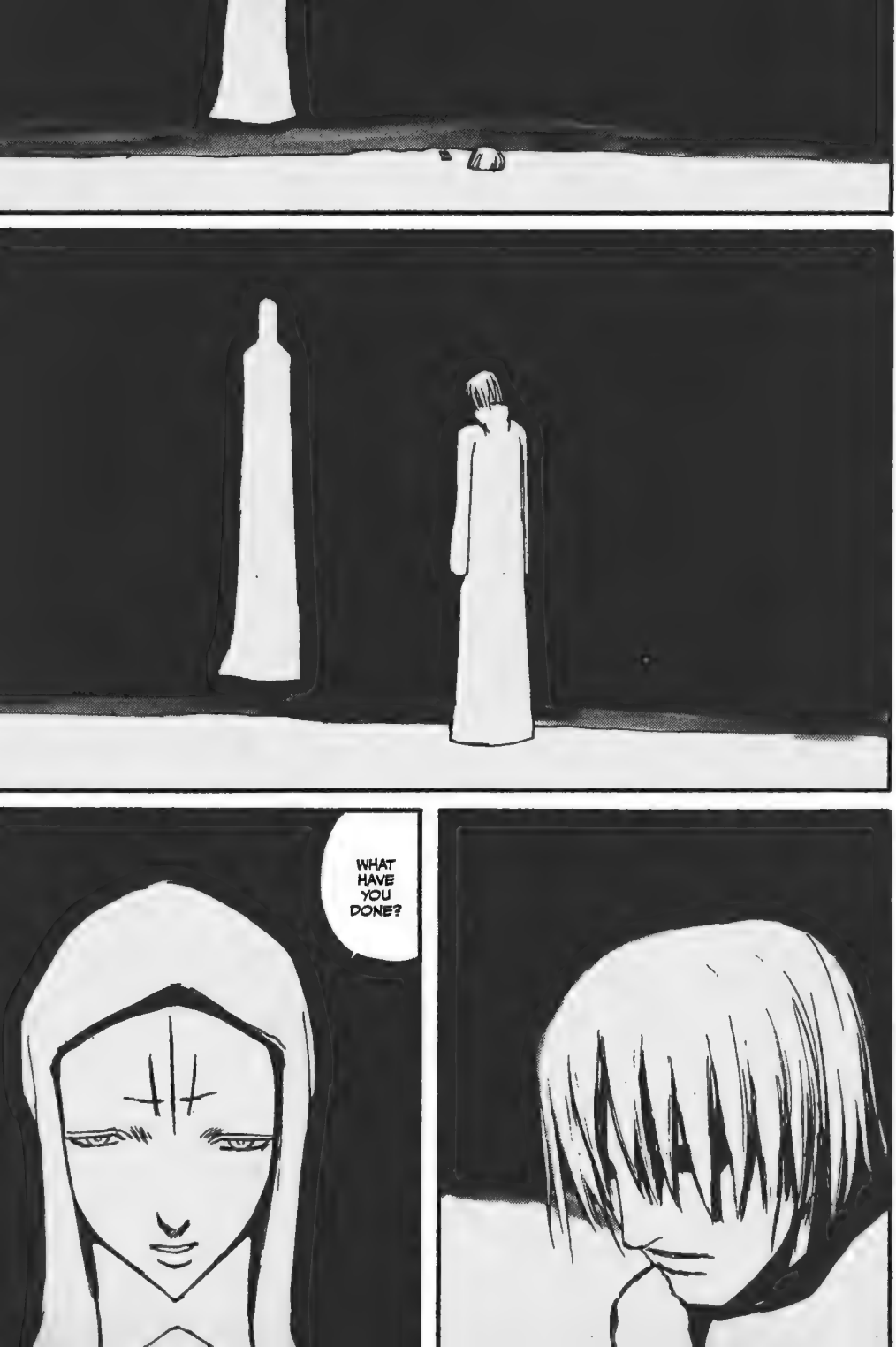
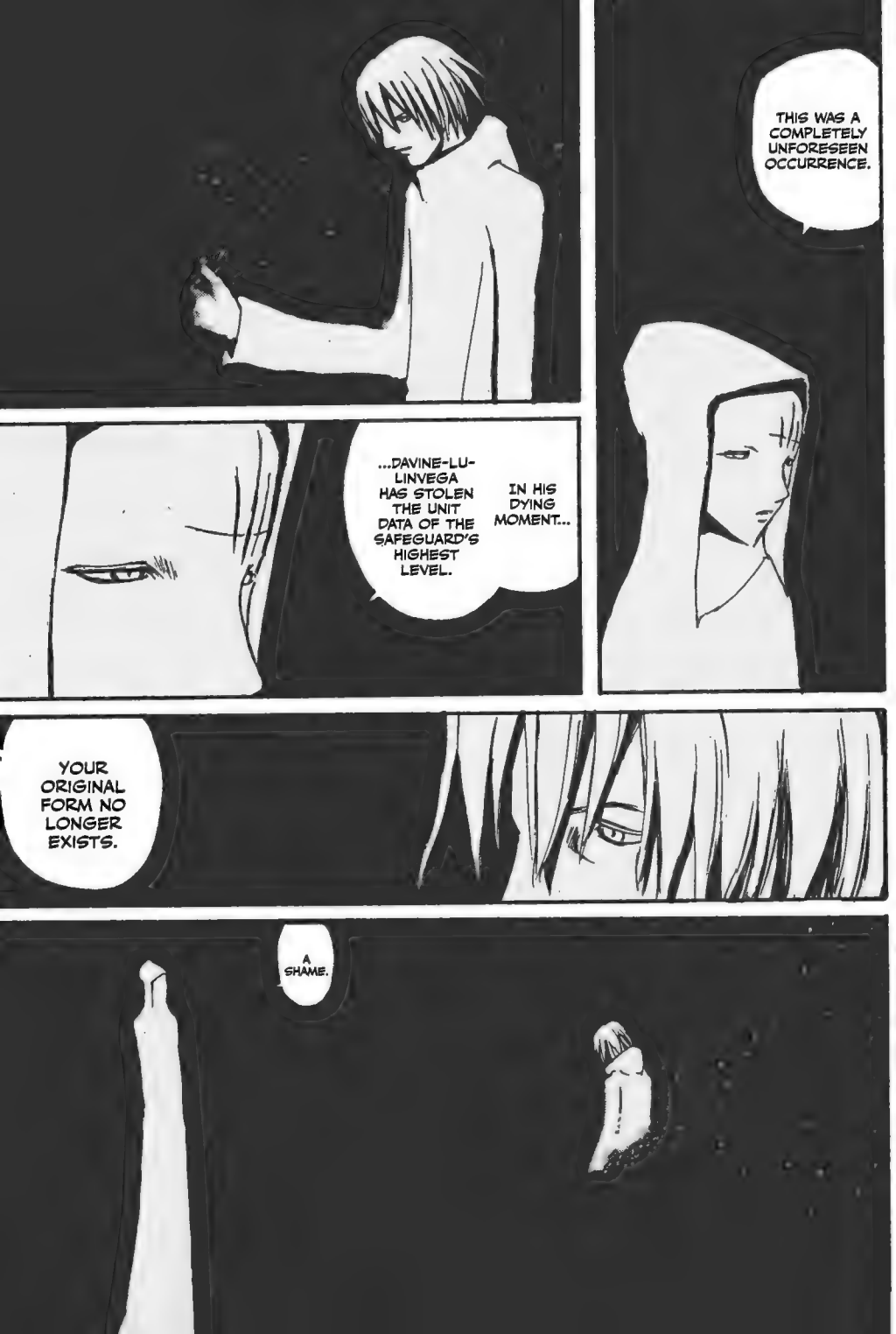
BA-BOOOM

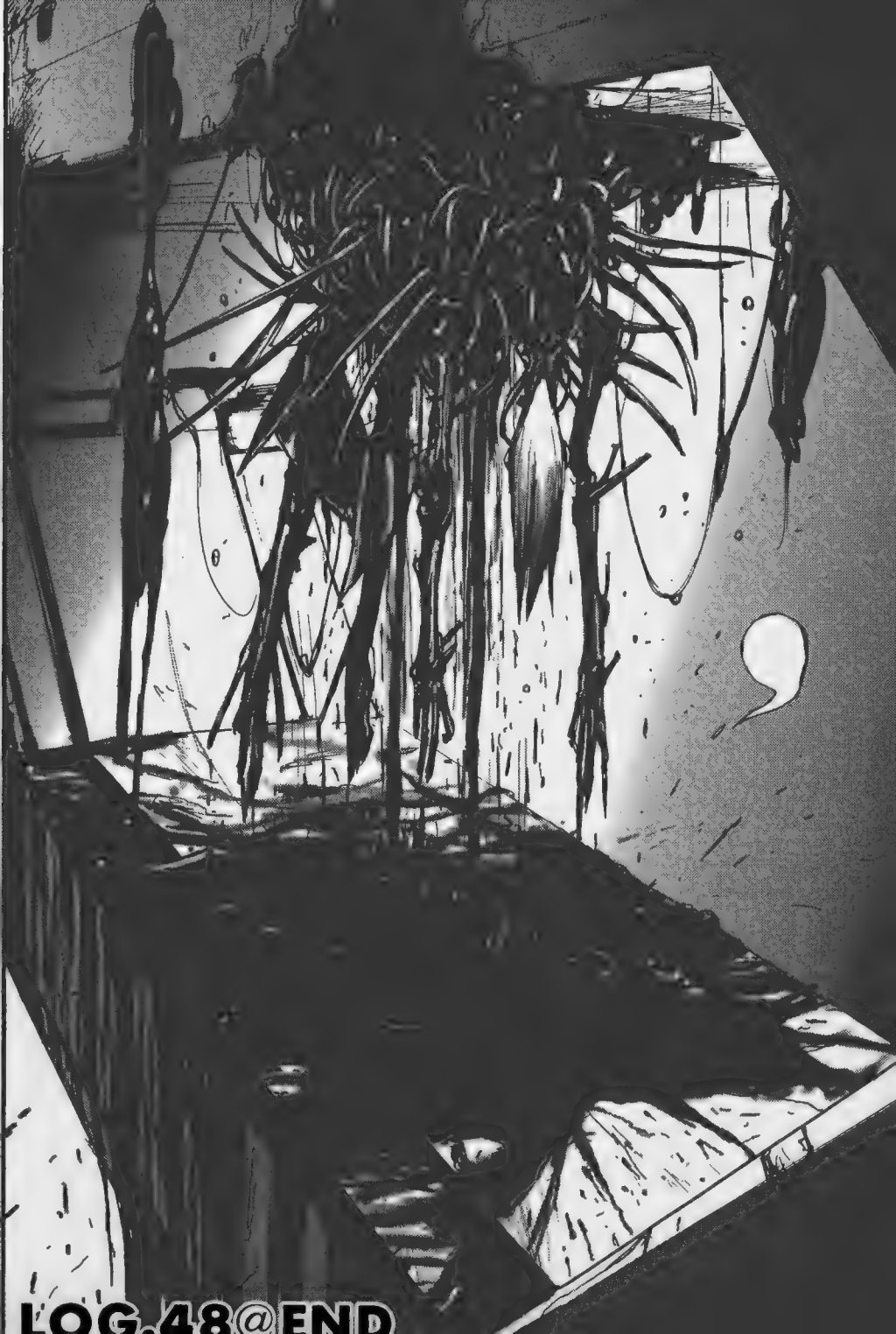
CRASH
ガギャン




WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?

I JUST...
I ONLY WANTED TO SEE THE NETSPHERE...
...COULDN'T... HELP MYSELF...


THIS WAS A COMPLETELY UNFORESEEN OCCURRENCE.
IN HIS DYING MOMENT...
...DAVINE-LU-LINVEGA HAS STOLEN THE UNIT DATA OF THE SAFEGUARD'S HIGHEST LEVEL.
YOUR ORIGINAL FORM NO LONGER EXISTS.
A SHAME.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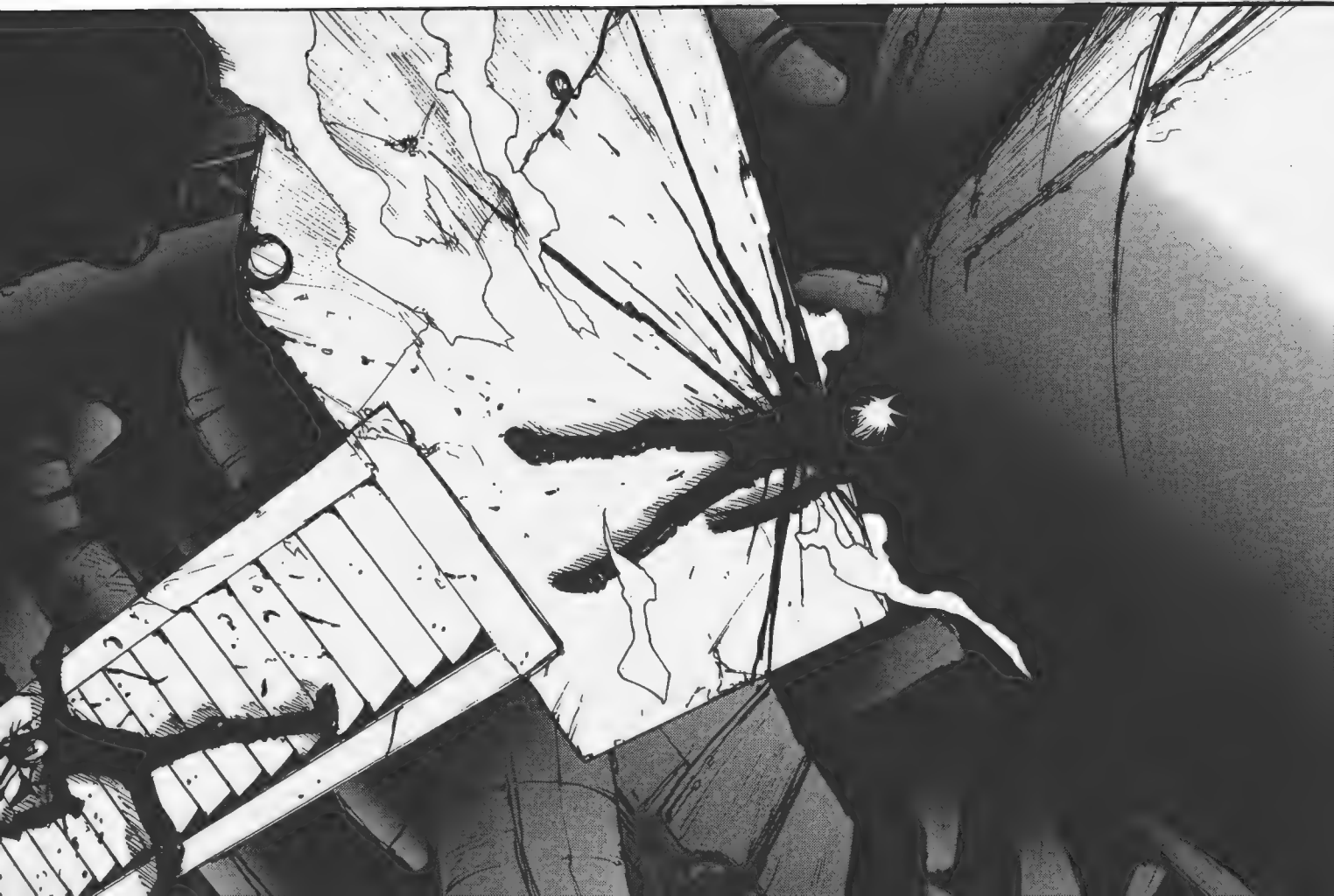
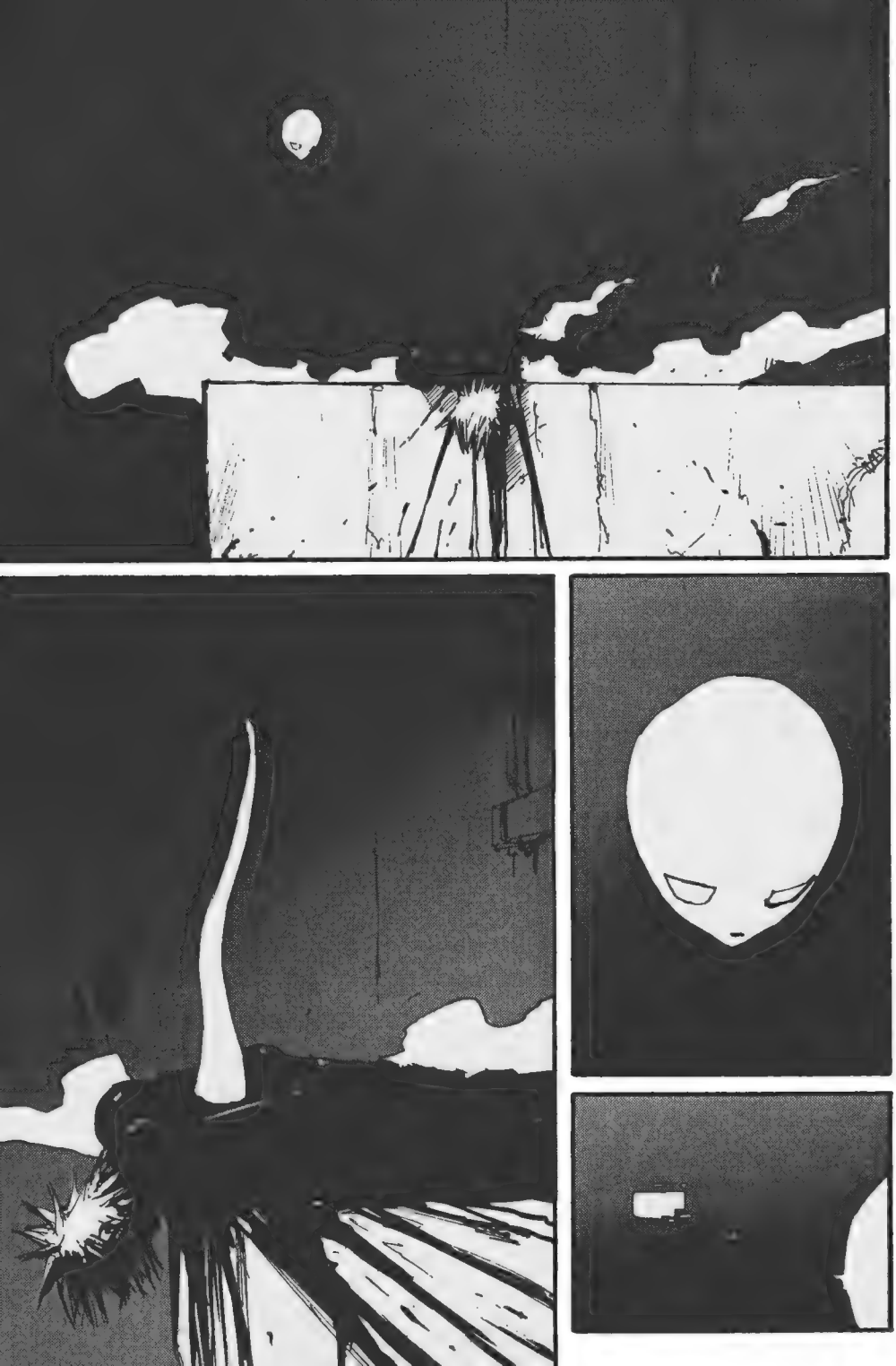
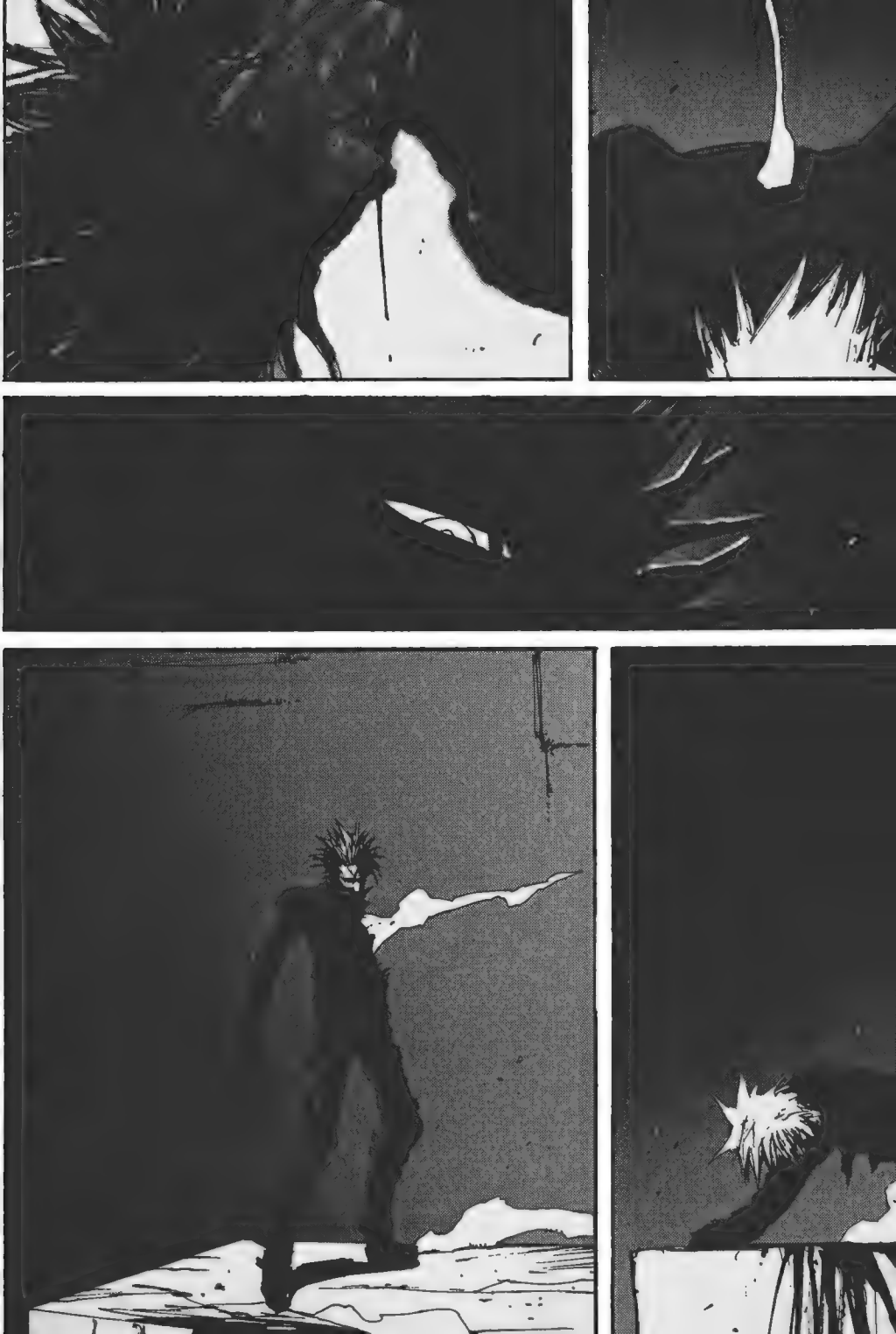
LOG.49 LEVEL9



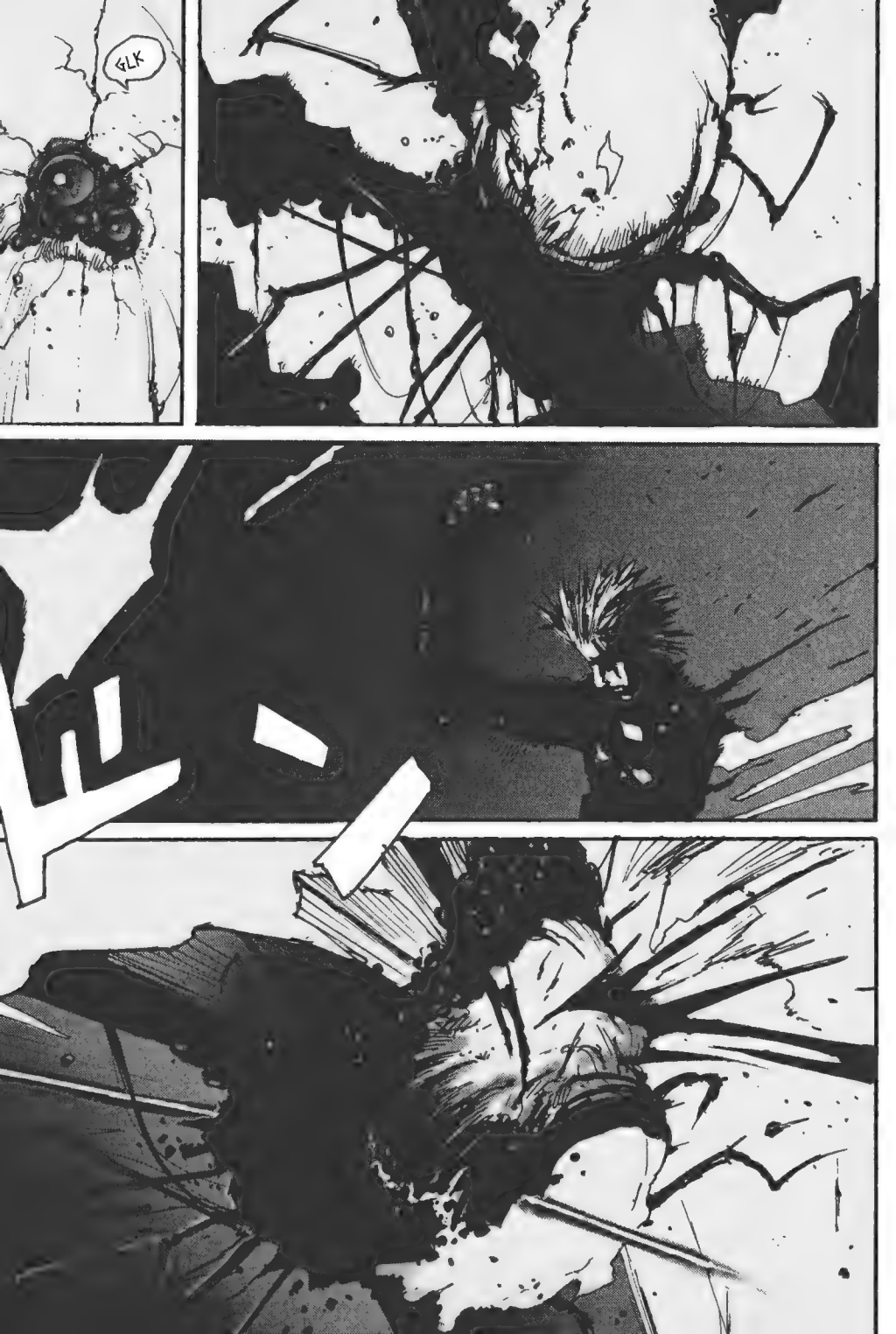
BLOTCH
BLURRP





MESSAGE PLAYBACK.
BEEP
SHE INSCRIBED THE CAPSULE'S GENETIC INFORMATION ONTO HERSELF.
DHOMO... CIBO MADE A DOUBLE REGISTRATION.
ICO...
DID YOU REALLY--

IT IF BECOMES OPERATIONAL, THERE WILL BE NO WAY TO STOP IT.
ゴ・・・
A LEVEL NINE SAFE-GUARD UNIT IS MANIFEST-ING IN CIBO'S BODY ILLEGALLY.
CLUNK
I'M SORRY, DHOMO.
MY POWER IS NEARLY DEPLETED...
YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN FOR THIS ONE. ZZT... ZRRT.


GLK

WHUSH
BOOM

PEEL
BLAM

CLACK

CLACK
VMMM
BOOM
SHK

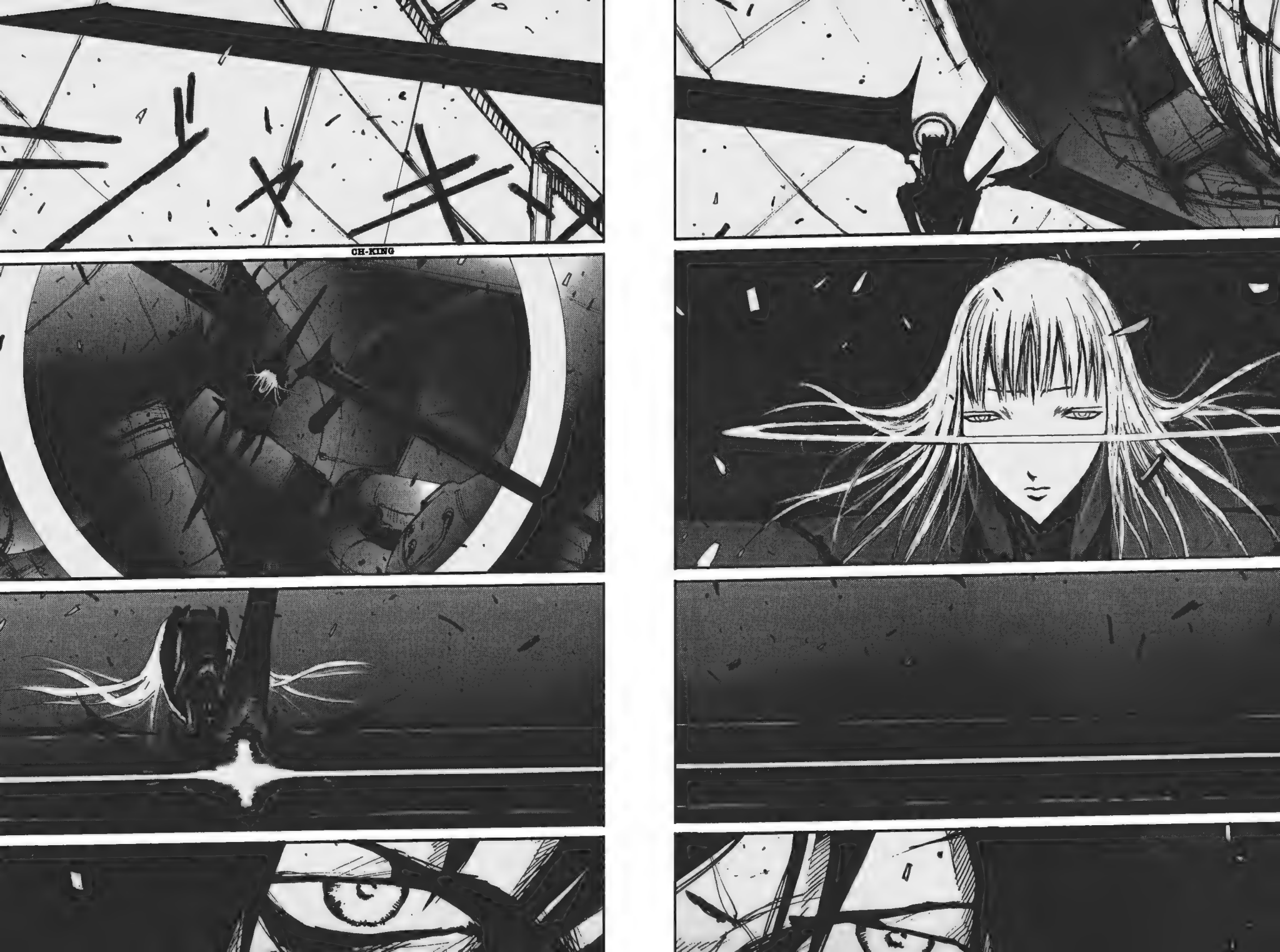
LURCH

TWITCH
TWITCH
CLICK
WHK

BLAM
BOOM
AAAA

LURCH

WHOOSH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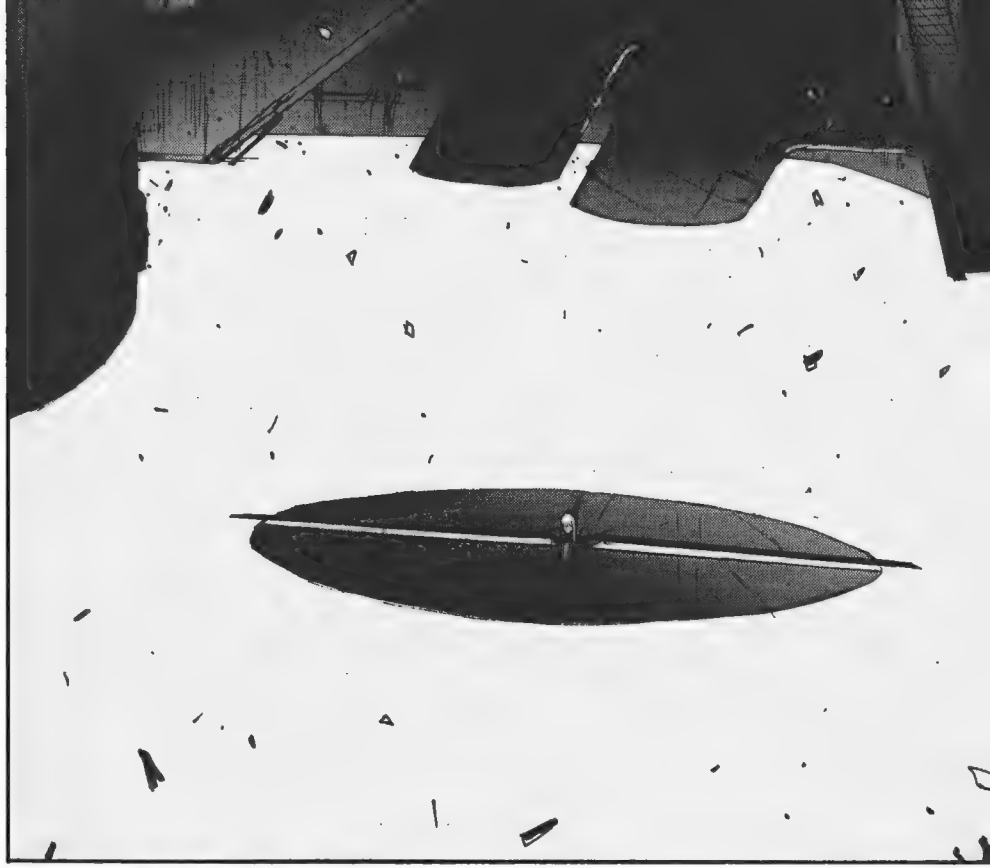

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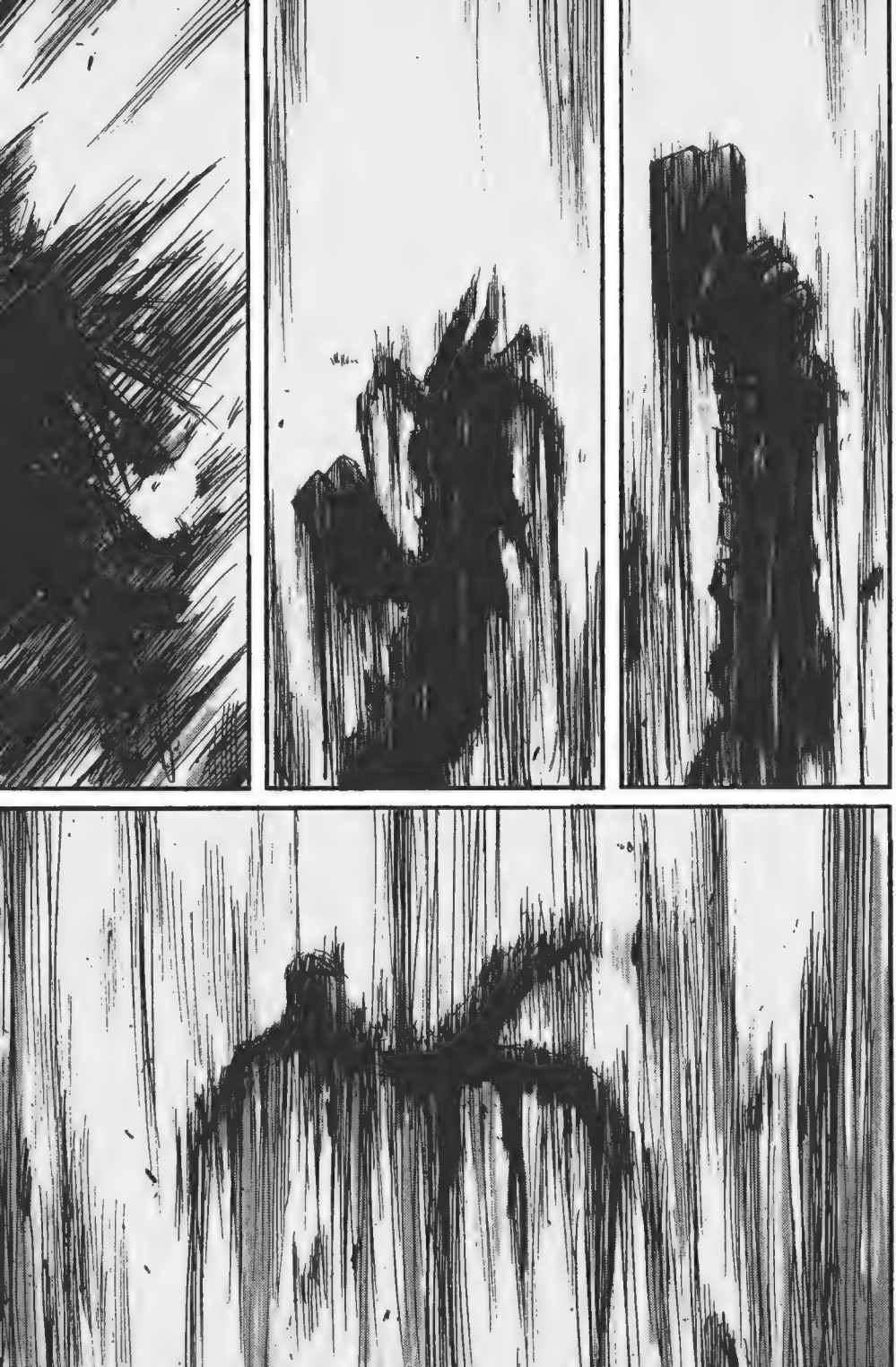
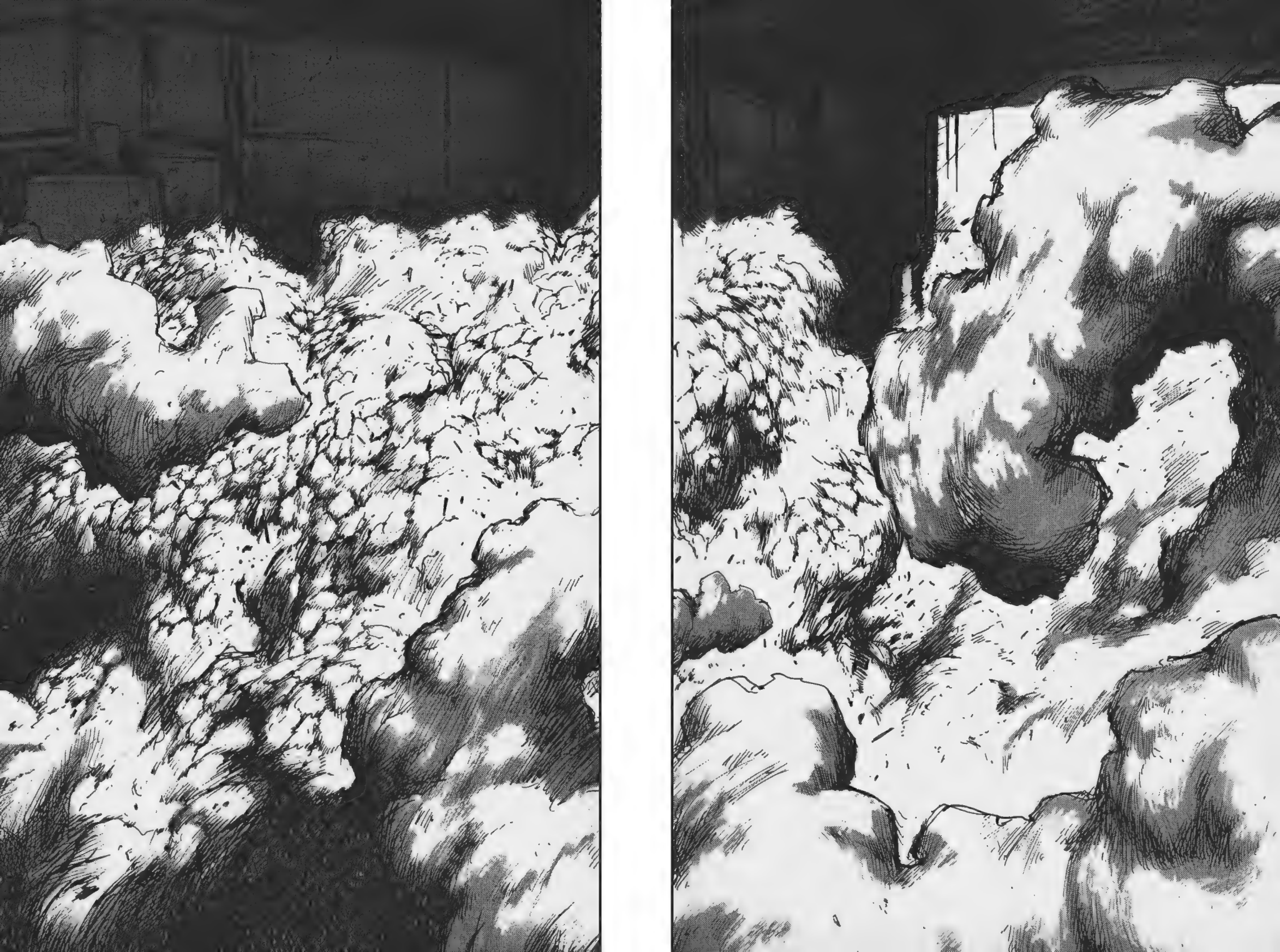
LOG 50 Distance

CRUNCH



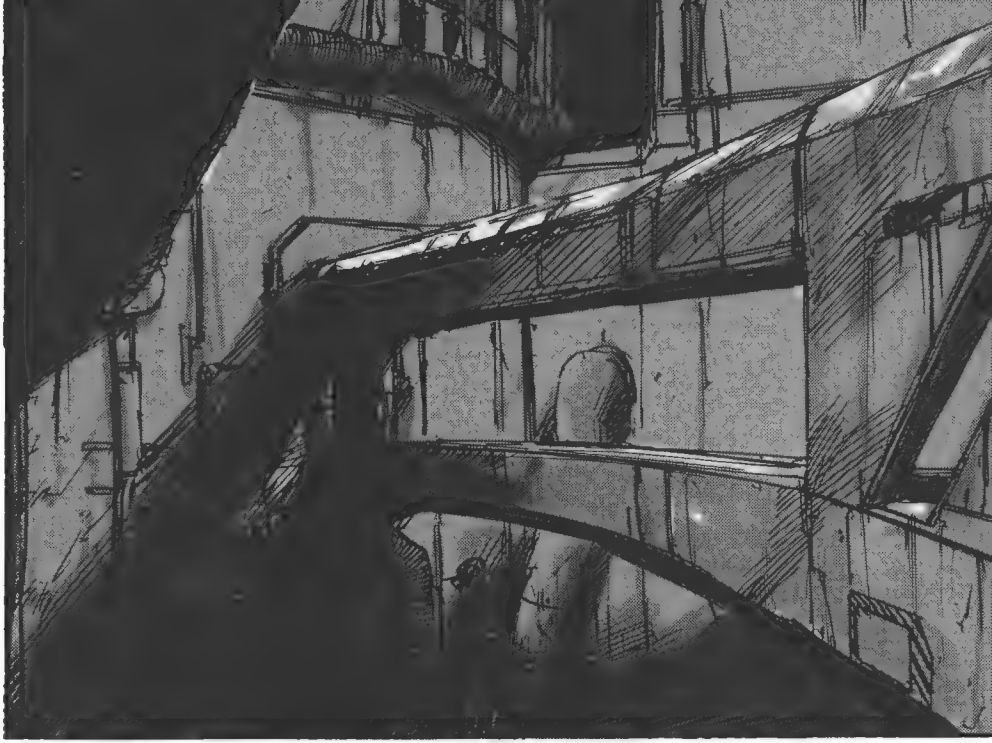


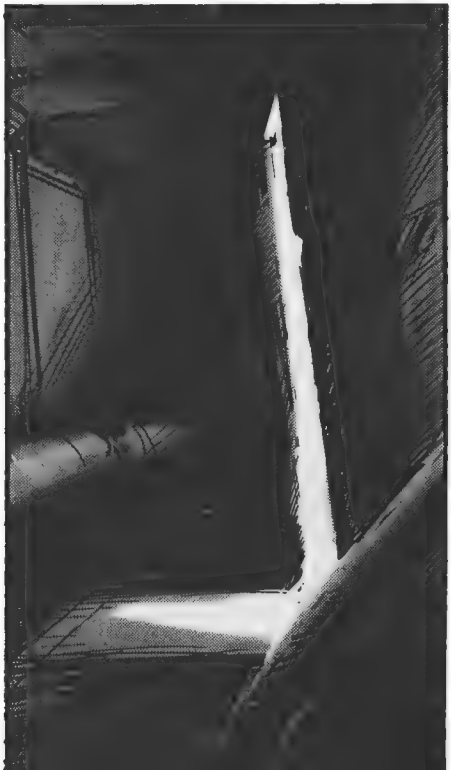
FBOOOM

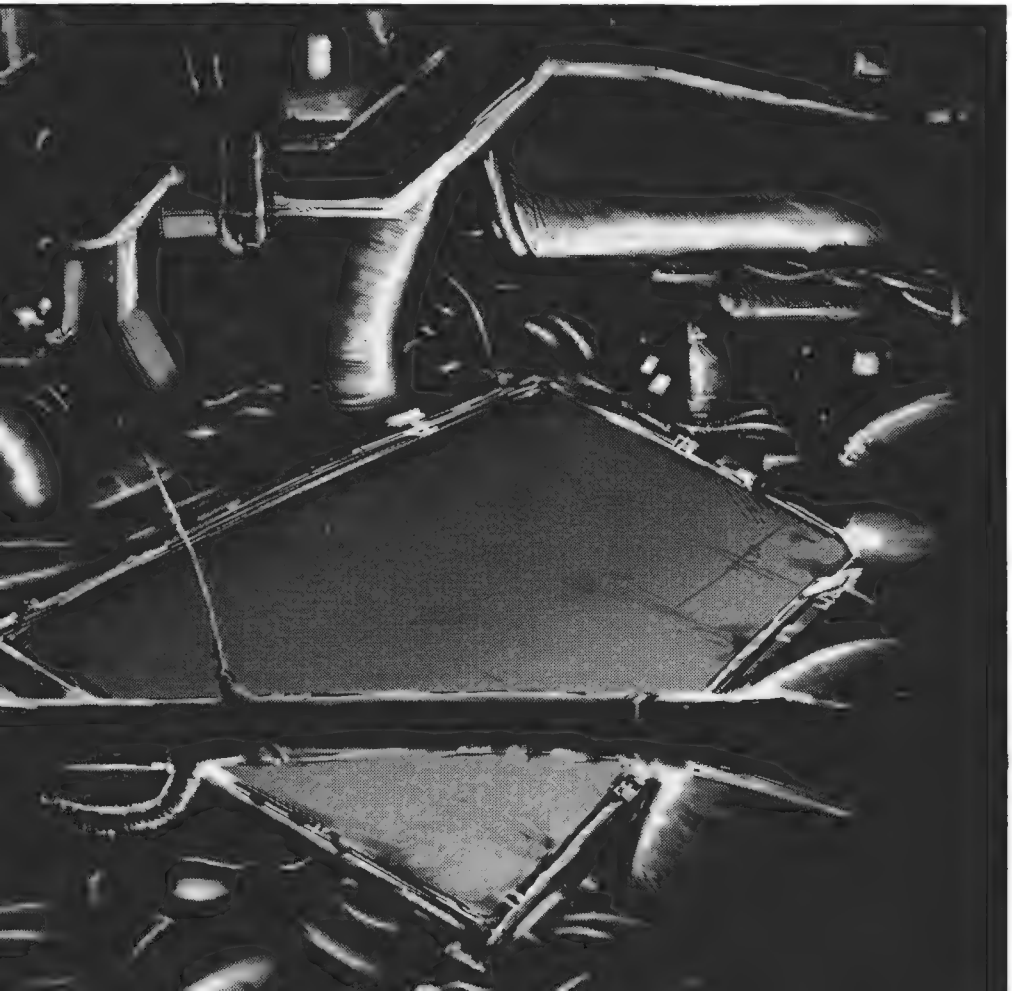
FZZZ

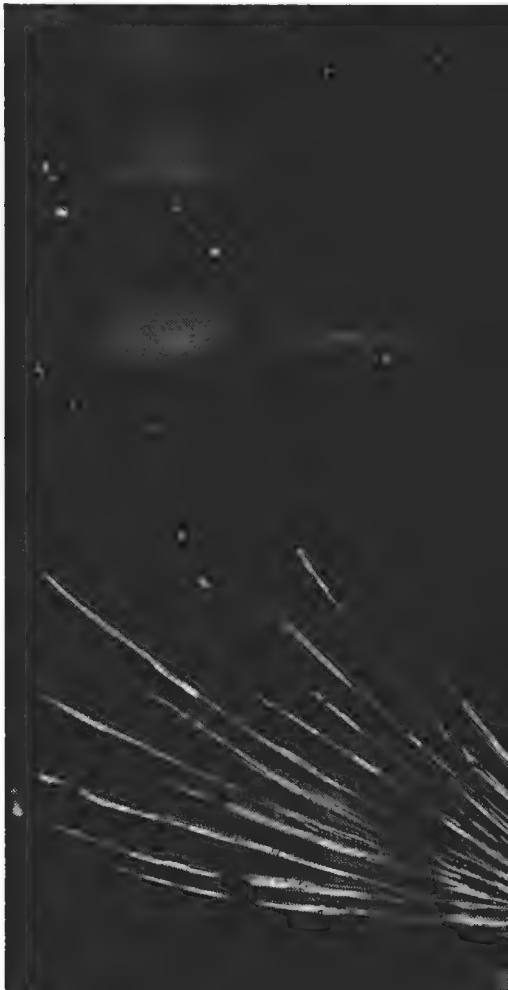
FZZZ

GLUBB









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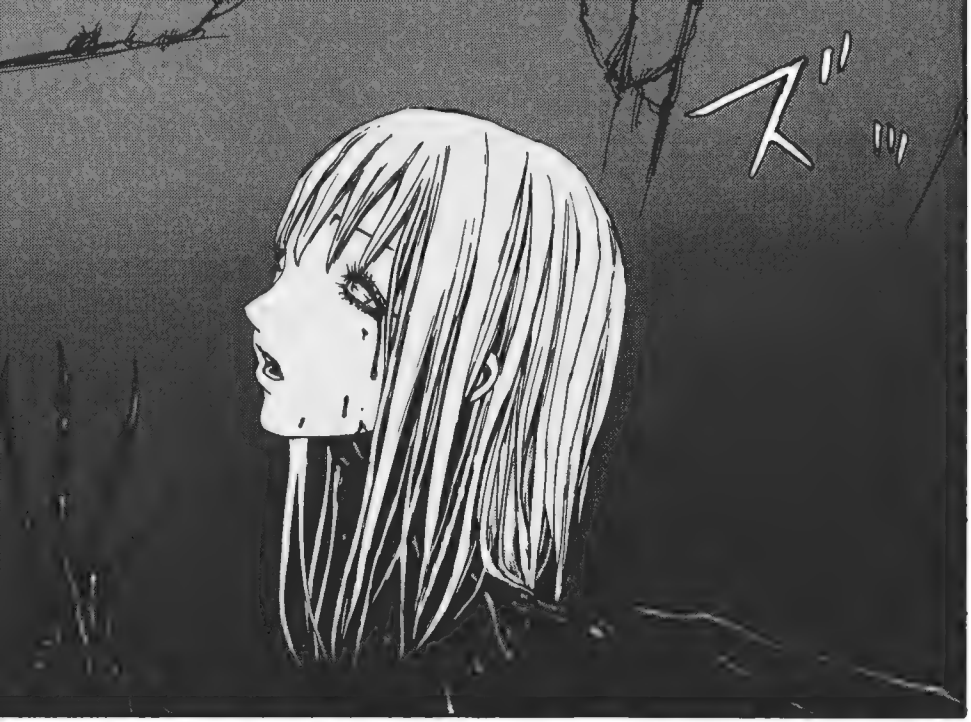
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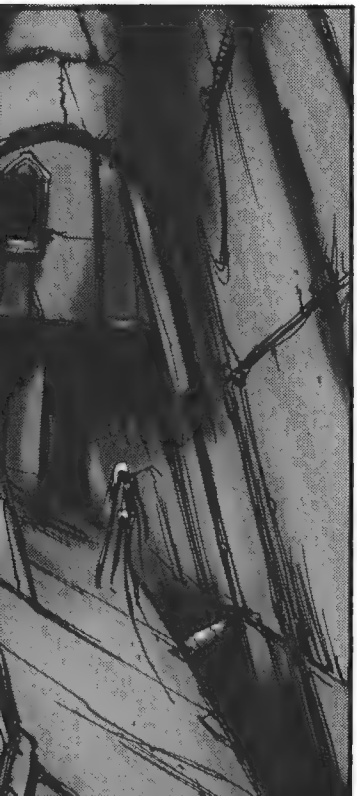

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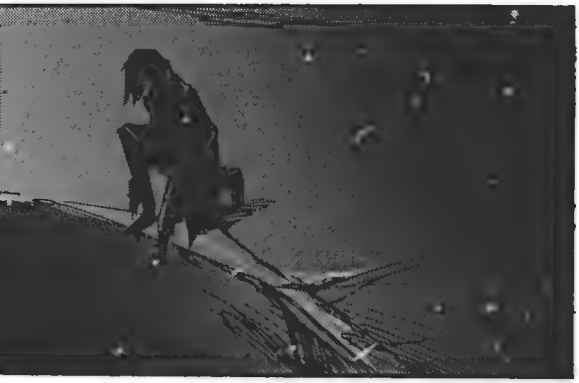

I HAVE PICKED UP THE LEVEL NINE'S TRAIL.
WILL COMMENCE PURSUIT.
SNAP

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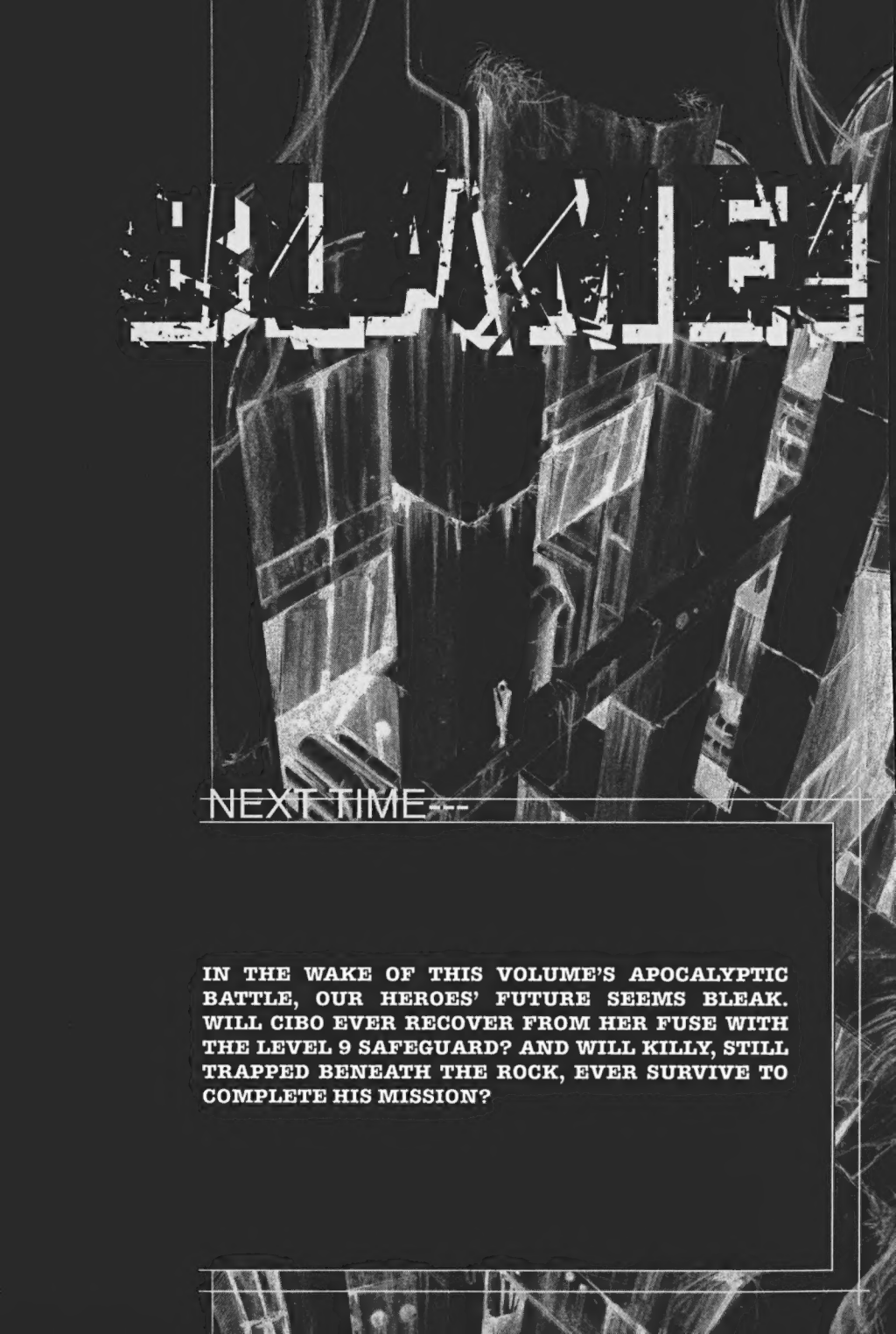
BLAME! 8 END



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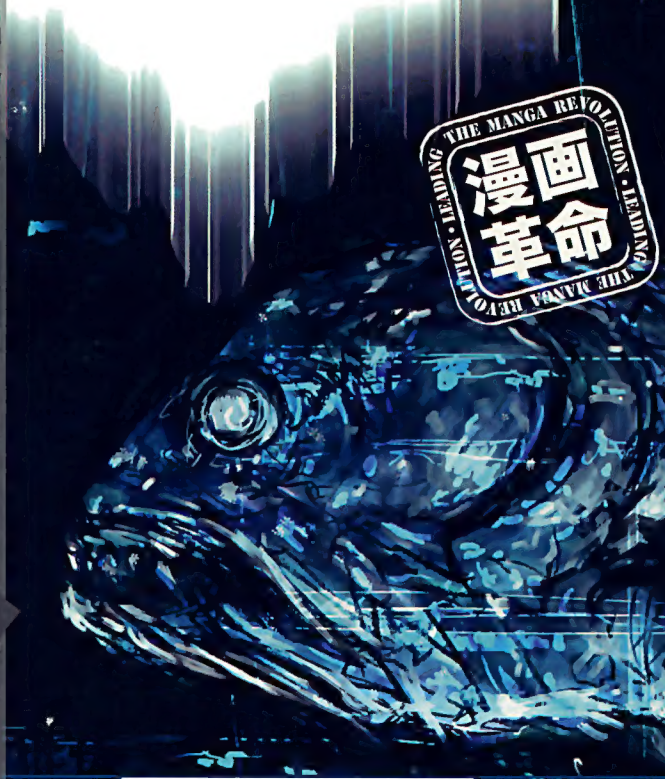

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